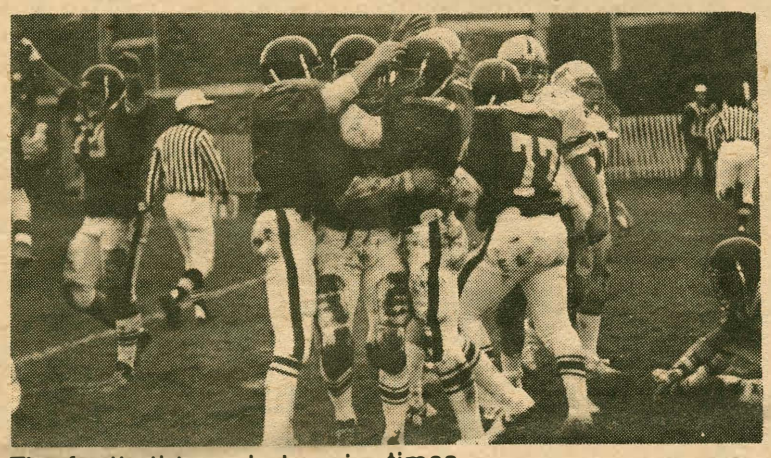
Football at Hamilton: does it work?

by Laurence M. Person

Hamilton makes a trademark of its low-key approach to intercollegiate athletics. In a section of the *Viewbook* [a College publication sent to prospective students] entitled "Athletics for the Individual," one reads, "Hamilton believes that academic standards should never be sacrificed to the desire for success in sports. Intercollegiate athletics exist here to enable students to develop their skills, compete against their peers, and share their talents with the rest of the community." Winning isn't everything, the coaches remind us, and our men in blue are students first, athletes second.

For most of the last century, the football squad has been the College's flagship team. The football Continentals receive a larger proportion of the total athletic budget than any other team, and they began this season with thirty freshman players.

Is the Hamilton football team really a bastion of the scholar/athlete, or is it, as one student claims, "an attempt to have a Division I football program in a Division III school"? What resources should a college like Hamilton commit to a football team?



The football team in happier times

Two football players, Bill Katz '82 and Walt Klein '83, agree that the program does not justify any expense whatsoever. According to Klein, the team would become too costly "when it starts taking away from other things. It's not doing that now. The school has plenty of money, and the distribution of funds is fair. Everyone benefits."

$100,000. That's how much Vice President of the College for Administration and Finance Daniel J. O'Leary said the College will spend this academic year to field the football team. When he computed that figure, he included salaries of coaches (with their benefits), equipment, transportation, officials' salaries, field maintenance, and several other expenditures necessary to run such a team. The salaries (and benefits), he said, amount to about $50,000 of the team's budget.

Athletic Director Thomas E. Murphy, however, estimated that the real cost of the team is $30,000. "That's how much we can write off to the football team," he said. "The other money we would have to spend anyway. We're understaffed compared to the athletic staffs at comparable schools, and the people coaching the team would still have jobs."

According to a report issued by the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Athletics, a part of the Middle States Self Study Report, the College budgeted $28,381 in 1979-80 for the football team, excluding salaries. "That figure represented approximately 18.5 percent of the combined budgets for intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, and club sports." While the report indicates that "Hamilton's expenditures are probably on the low side," the next most expensive sport, hockey (varsity and junor varsity combined), cost the College only $19,552, excluding salaries. Soccer and basketball followed, requiring $9,504 and $9,247, respectively.

In addition, the committee found, "The football program also entails opportunity costs in fields and staff positions that could be used elsewhere, particularly in women's athletics."

Other students consider Hamilton's football program inordinately expensive. "I don't see what the College receives for that kind of money," said a student.

"In light of the success of our football team, it seems that there are far more worthwhile places that that money could be invested," commented Jon-Marc Seimon '84.

Indeed, the Continentals recently completed their second 0-8 season in three years, and their fifth season in a row in which they won two or fewer games. According to a member of *The Spectator*'s sports staff, the team is not receiving all the

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Carovano describes plans for frats, Bundy

by Matthew Zucker

President Carovano described the proposals he will present before the Trustees this weekend — which include possible alterations in the College social/residential situation, at the faculty meeting on Wednesday in the Bristol Campus Center.

The plans he described include treating fraternities as "non-College facilities" and closing the Bundy dining hall.

Carovano began by stating "what we believe the College should do to improve the social/residential facilities at the College." The most important step, he said, would be to create "viable social alternatives within dormitories."

In order to accomplish this, he said, the College could possibly take the following steps: 1) Alter the lottery system, to create more "continuity" within the dorms. The Dean's Office, Carovano said, has been discussing possible systems, and the changes will require much "experimenting." 2) Encourage the development of "organizational structures" within dorms. He pointed to recent successes of the Inter-Dormitory Council as an example of "dormitory governance," and claimed that the IDC appears to have "at least reached its adolescence." 3) "Improve and add social space" in the dormitories for social activities. Such improvements, he said, would cost "several hundred thousand dollars."

Carovano stated that, in his meetings with the Trustees, he will ask for approval of these funds, "in principle." Once approval is given, he said, the College will proceed with planning.

The President described his feelings on the Bundy dining hall, which presently operates "far below capacity." He said that the College could "either force more students to go on the meal plan, or close Bundy as a dining hall and allow more students off the meal plan." He further stated that he is now "inclined to go the latter way."

On the subject of fraternities, Carovano said that, ideally, all students should have the same range of options open to them. In the present situation, women do not have the same access to social/residential facilities as men. This, he said, is "unfair and undesirable." The most obvious way to remedy this situation would be to 1) abolish fraternities or 2) force them to go co-ed. Practically, he said, the college can do neither easily. The College can, however, "treat fraternities as non-College facilities," he said. They will be expected to "manage their own affairs" and their members will be treated the same as other students

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Tuesday evening's Student Assembly meeting

Student Assembly clears position on fraternities

by Mark DuMont

Greg Doyle, President of the Student Assembly, clarified the Assembly's position on President J. Martin Carovano's social-residential proposals at an open meeting last Tuesday.

Doyle described a resolution recently passed by the Assembly which supports Carovano's proposals with some modifications. The resolution supports the severing of economic ties with the fraternities, but does not support placing an unfair economic burden on the fraternities: "We urge the college to sever its administrative links to the fraternity system because of the discriminatory policies inherent in this system. . .We do not, however, support any further sanctions against the fraternity system. . .the fraternities should be allowed to exist and to interact within the college community as they have always done in the past."

Most of the modifications are based on a report by Rosalind A. Hoffa, Assistant Dean of Students, and Elizabeth A. Adams, Assistant Director of the Career Center, expressing the goals of the proposed housing program and lottery system and offering recommendations.

More specifically, the Assembly supports Hoffa and Adams' suggestion that the number of people allowed to live off campus be increased from 50 to 270 to include the 220 residential spaces in the fraternities. Under this system, a lottery would be imposed on all those wishing to live off campus only if their numbers exceeded 270. This action would eliminate the inequality in the off-campus housing lottery.

The Assembly's resolution also supports Hoffa and Adams' recommendation that a system of "blocking" and "squatting" be implemented. Blocking would allow a group of people to move into a number of adjacent rooms and would be allowed in Bundy East, Bundy West, and Major Dormitories. Squatting would make it easier for students to live in the same room for more than one year and would be permitted in Bundy East, Minor, Kirkland and Dunham Dormitories.

The Student Assembly also recommends that 50-70 more places be opened in the off-meal plan lottery. The college's contract with ARA Food Services requires a minimum of 1100 people on the college meal plan. However, the current number of people eating in the dining halls is 1250. The Assembly suggests that the number of people in the meal plan be reduced to 1180-1200 allowing another 50 people to eat off the meal plan. The figure suggested by the Assembly would allow between 70-90 places variation between semesters.

The Assembly supports Hoffa and Adams' proposal to keep the Bundy Dining Hall open at least long enough to determine the effect

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Board of trustees here

by Liz Ix

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees will meet this weekend to discuss important campus issues. According to College President J. Martin Carovano, Hamilton's social/residential facilities is "a topic to which a good deal of time will be devoted" during the meetings.

The Trustees will be presented with a recommendation as to what the College should do with regard to the fraternity situation. They will also hear a proposal calling for major expenditures to be used in improving existing dormitory social space and in creating social space where it does not currently exist. A solution to the problems resulting from the fact that Bundy Dining Hall currently operates below capacity, will also be suggested.

The Trustees will be informed of the progress made on the James Building, and related scheduling and budgeting concerns.

They will also be updated on the College's progress in obtaining an alternative water supply and in assessing its needs in the performing arts area.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees will meet to continue their discussion of degree recipients for 1982 Commencement.

With regard to the Student Assembly's recommendation that two selected students be permitted to sit on the Board, Carovano stated that "the Board will be made aware of the Assembly's recommendation but it is very unlikely that they would take action on it at this meeting."

Editorials

Reasonable

There is probably little new to say about President Carovano's proposals for the social/residential situation at Hamilton. They represent a fair and level-headed attempt to deal with a situation which is, as it presently stands, discriminatory.

Fraternities are *not*, contrary to the beliefs of certain people, a source of evil at all. But it is clear that the College cannot continue to provide support for a system which discriminates against any part of the community, or provides advantage to a select few.

Fraternities should not be "abolished." There is no reason why a group of adult men who wish to live together should not reasonably be allowed to do so. But they should be expected to support themselves and manage their own affairs. Fraternities should be considered off-campus housing, and allowed to administrate themselves, where they do not fall under the College's jurisdiction.

President Carovano's plan is a real attempt by the College administration to treat all students equally. The proposals which he will bring to the Board of Trustees this weekend deserve the support of the student body.

Q and A session

It's time for some questions and answers:

Q: What happened this week?
A: A resolution was placed before the student body for a referendum on Tuesday.

Q: What was it about?
A: The College's "social-residential organizations."

Q: Who was responsible for the resolution?
A: The Pro-Fraternity Task Force. After receiving a petition signed by over 600 members of the student body, the Student Assembly agreed to administer a referendum, but to have nothing to do with the resolution itself.

Q: What did the resolution say?
A: *I support the continued existence of fraternities as off-campus social/residential organizations at Hamilton College.*

Q: What does that mean?
A: Well, it could mean any of a number of things. The word "continued" is puzzling, but the idea of treating fraternities as "off-campus housing" is one of President Carovano's proposals. It's very ambiguous, but it really seems to be stating agreement with the President's plans to sever the College's ties with fraternities. But, again, it's not very clear. . .

Q: What was the result of the referendum?
A: 543 students voted "yes," and 180 voted "no." The results were announced at a Student Assembly meeting held Tuesday evening.

Q: What was the general reaction to the vote?
A: Well, only twelve people were at the Student Assembly meeting. . .including the Student Assembly members. . .

Q: If the margin was 3-1 in favor of the resolution, there seems to be a lot of support for what it says, right?
A: Yes, but for what?

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Letters to the editor

Klein: Play straight

TO THE EDITOR:

Several articles have appeared in the *Spectator* complaining about the administrative hassles recently plaguing ultimate frisbee, 158 lb. football, and rugby.

Your editorial of November 11 was just one of three such references in that single issue with similar complaints. It stated, "The administration of a liberal arts college would be hard put to explain why football might benefit one student more than ultimate frisbee another."

I think the administration does owe all of us — parents and students alike — who get a great deal of pleasure from the less popular sports, an honest accounting of why these teams are continually shortchanged when it comes to the use of playing fields and school equipment.

The answer, I suspect, is rather simple, and probably reads something like this:

The college must be operated like a business and depends, to a great extent, on alumni and parent contributions. One way of keeping these donor groups interested in the college is to field winning teams in the more traditional (or macho) sports like football.

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If that happens to be the answer then the administration ought to say so. If there is another reason, let's hear it. Then we can each make a value judgement based on fact, and not feel shortchanged and frustrated by an administration that seems to be treating we Ultimate enthusiasts like step-children.

On October 10th my wife and I travelled five hours to see the Easter Seals benefit program put on by the Ultimate Frisbee Team. We walked with them as they were pushed from one muddy field to another — and then back again.

On the positive side, we had the pleasure of seeing an interesting and enjoyable field sport played by men and women in an atmosphere that exemplified good sportsmanship in the true sense of the word. People played hard, they showed genuine respect for their teammates as well as their opponents, and most important, they really had a good time. And we on the sidelines did too.

I didn't notice too much of any of these characteristics in the soccer team, by the way, as we stood around waiting for them to finish the last quarter of their game. Next time they might hang around and see how the frisbee team does it.

We know that ultimately the school decides which activities will get what backing and support. But I for one would like to see a straight-forward accounting on how these decisions are made by the powers that be.

STANLEY KLEIN
A PARENT

Martin et al: Bad timing

TO THE EDITOR:

Posting the Final Exam Schedule late in the semester always aggravates students, but now the delay may seriously disrupt people's winter vacations. Presently, the nation's transportation system is under quite a strain; the cutback in airline and train departures has forced the public to make reservations early. Since the students do not know when their last exam is, they wait until the Exam Schedule is posted before making travel plans. As of Thanksgiving, many students have found that the trains are booked solid for the holiday season. These same students have already been irritated by the late announcement of the Exam Schedule, because it does not allow them to buy cheaper fares (i.e. super-saver airfares, etc.) While students are trying to save money to pay for their education, the college defeats this by forcing them to pay more for transportation.

If Hamilton wants to attract a national distribution of students, the College must be aware of their transportation problems. School vans going to and from Syracuse Airport have been a terrific help, but this year some students may not even be able to get on the plane.

Besides the inconvenience to students who live far away, the delay in posting the Exam Schedule is inconsiderate to the whole student body. The problem seems rather ridiculious, because the remedy is so simple: The Registrar's Office should make the Exam Schedule during the summer months when their work load is light. This grievance is not for the student government to handle, because the present system does not need to be drastically changed. It is up to the Administration to exert some pressure on the Registrar's Office so that the schedule is constructed earlier.

Many of us are quickly trying to make alternative travel arrangements so that we may go home for winter vacation. Some of us will be successful, while others may not be so lucky. Spending the holiday with our families is important to us, so in the future please make it easier for us to return home. We hope the Administration will view this issue as a critical one which is vital to Hamilton's goal of a national distribution of students. Next year let's make sure the Final Exam Schedule is posted closer to the beginning of each semester.

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Barlow and Orth: No referendum

TO THE EDITOR:

It cannot be expected that the results of Tuesday's referendum accurately reflect the varying opinions of the student body. The referendum was announced by a letter to each student and by campus-wide posters. Both of these means included strong lobbying efforts which, in our opinion, should have been separated from the announcement of a campus-wide vote. Lobbying is not to be condemned; however, it is wrong that our only information concerning the referendum came hand in hand with propaganda. That fraternities "make a better Hamilton" is one opinion of many and, as such, should not be included in the only publicity presented.

The referendum was no more than thirty-six hours before the vote itself. Given this short notice, other viewpoints were not allowed the same opportunity to organize and effect similar lobbying.

This referendum contained two polar alternatives. Because varying degrees of student opinion were excluded from Tuesday's referendum, the results cannot accurately reflect the opinions of a cross-section of the Hamilton student body.

Because of the organization of this referendum, we chose not to participate.

LIBBY BARLOW
LAURA ORTH

Surchin: 'We forgot'?

TO THE EDITOR:

On October 7, 1981, an alumni reception for Martin Carovano was held at the Princeton Club in New York. October 7 was Yom Kippur — the most holy day in the Jewish religion. The invitations for this event were mailed in September. One week prior to the reception, I received a letter stating that Hamilton didn't realize October 7 was Yom Kippur (a holiday which appears on most printed calendars). With the reception only days away Hamilton acknowledged their "oversight" but, nevertheless, felt that it was too late to change the date.

Too late, indeed! The "whoops, we forgot" letter simply exacerbated an already regrettable situation. Exigencies aside, the date should have and could have been changed.

What Hamilton did was grossly insensitive and downright stupid. Consequently, I can no longer give my support (in any way) to a liberal arts institution whose scope is so very, very narrow.

ANNE R. SURCHIN K'76

Rubin: 'One-sided'?

TO THE EDITOR:

How effective is the Judiciary Board?

The November 20th article in *The Spectator* could not have helped the Judiciary Board's purpose.

While entitled to its "free" reporting, the article fails to mention several of the Judiciary Board's significant elements. Composed entirely of students, the Board represents one of the highest forms of government available to students at Hamilton College. Students are often able to solve the problems of other students. Secondly, the article fails to present the opinions of students who found the Board, not only a viable student-run system, but also extremely effective. Clearly, equal time should have been given to those who found the Board helpful. At worst, the division between those who found the Board effective and those who did not leaves equal numbers on each side.

Finally, I urge all students considering bringing a case before the Judiciary Board to speak to me. The Board this year has been effective. Once again, the problem lies in students bringing cases to the Board and not within the Board's procedures.

It's just too bad that the article presents, primarily, a one-sided view. Perhaps the next time the author(s) will weigh both sides of a story, for after all, that is what the Judiciary Board always tries to do.

DANIEL RUBIN '82
JUDICIARY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Jonathan F. Mack — Rogues and Vagabonds

The New Hamiltonians

My first day at Hamilton was sunny, dry and eighty-five. As I got out of the car, a girl wearing Bean boots as shoes, a peasant skirt as a dress and hairy legs as socks approached me, smiled shyly, and offered me a twig: I had met my first Kirkie. Kirkland College, the victim of a shotgun merger, was gone, but groups of Kirkies remained as pockets of resistance. Those remnants are now gone, and the transition is complete. The Grateful Dead and marijuana have given way to jazz and cocaine; the Kirkland pre-Peace Corps woman has given way to the Hamilton pre-stewardess woman. The new Hamilton woman has different vices than the Kirkland woman. She receives sexual gratification from the sight of a two-car garage; she longs to go on a pilgrimage to Connecticut; she has strange longings to join the Republican party. She thus holds out the ultimate prize of matrimony while throttling the libidos of potential suitors in the meantime. The men who are having their libidos throttled are a new breed too, so let's look at the new Hamiltonians of both sexes and guess where the institution is headed.

While female members of the first two co-ed Hamilton classes have maintained some pioneer spirit, some of their counterparts in today's freshman and sophomore classes have been flirting with conventionality at an age when they should be rebellious. This regression to a Young Republican mentality is manifested in women by what I call the "rubbing up syndrome." Girls affected with the syndrome position themselves between as many males as possible in public and as few as possible in private. This is not really as much a matter of "teasing" males as it is catering to them.

The new Hamilton total woman must be shapely and supple: so start slimming down, Dear, and wear sweatpants to dinner in the meantime. That's right, sweatpants: the trousers for girls for whom khakis and kilts are not loose enough. Two great myths exist within the sweatpants set:

Myth One: *Wearing athletic gear tends to slim you down whether you exercise or not.*

Myth Two: *Only food that you are seen eating results in weight gain.*

So go to dinner in sweatpants and just eat salad, but feel free to indulge in snacks in your room for the rest of the evening. I believe the piles of Vincent's boxes I used to see on the girls' hall in Dunham attest to the wide spread acceptance of this myth.

With the new Hamiltonian mentality of some sophomore and freshman women becoming dominant, it is hardly surprising that we now have a Women's Center that is about as feminist as a bridge club in New Canaan. Finding equal rights for women too controversial a proposition to make a commitment on, the Women's Center no longer takes stands on "political" issues. What will they do instead? Hold a Tupperware party? With new right wing groups like the Moral Majority putting huge sums of money and computers behind stopping the women's movement, if groups like the Women's Center don't take a firm stand on women's equality, *who will?* Maybe we should, as a friend suggested to me, rename our women's group "The Total Women's Center." I hear they are setting up a "Marital Stakes Counselling Service" right now. Part of this service is a new standardized test called the MRSAT. Here are some examples of the questions.

If Saks is having a sale on cashmere sweaters, Altman's is having a sale on silk tops and Bloomies is having a sale in its new Martian boutique of Gucci slippers, you should:

a) Go to Saks
b) Go to Altmans
c) Go Bloomies
d) Go to all three and make a day of it
e) Go to none, **you** *don't have to shop for sales*
f) The decision is just too much for you — take another valium and shop by catalogue.

The Jones' just took a trip to Martinique. The Metzerwietzers just bought a diesel Pugeot. The Blands just put in a kidney-shaped pool. You have just $14,000 to spend, you should:

a) Go on a trip
b) Buy a car
c) Put in a pool
d) Borrow from the in-laws and do all three
e) This calls for the whole bottle

The Junior League meets on Tuesday afternoon. The Crysanthemums Society meets on Tuesday afternoon. You usually golf on Tuesday afternoons. You should:

a) Go to the League meeting
b) Go to the flower meeting
c) Play golf
d) This consitutes a crisis; make an appointment with your analyst for Tuesday afternoon

You have two daughters, aged two and five. Your husband, desiring a son, presses you for a third child. You should:

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Stephen Durfee

Winter Courses?

For those of you that are having trouble choosing your Winter Term courses, you might find the following Supplement to the Winter Term Course Schedule handy. . .

African Studies 121W — ***Winter Term in Uganda.*** (Will also be offered under the Psychology Dept.) Small language classes daily for grammar and conversation via drum. Scheduled visits to Kampala, the capital city, and to Idi Amin's mansion. Written reports and examinations. Extra cost. Housing in huts of the native pigmies. Prerequisite, nose must be pierced.
The Department.

Biology 413W — ***Rodent Genetics.*** A study of the sexual life of rats, shrews and prairie dogs. Experiments to be undertaken involve interbreeding, subjection to S&M treatment, and the rodent's relationship to contemporary societal problems. Two hours of lecture and two hours of lab daily.
Tuffy and Jerry.

Religion 112W — ***King Midas, Man or Myth?*** An introduction to the man and the legend. Questions to be asked include: Did Midas learn his lesson. What was Midas' role in the kingdom's fiscal policy, and Did the king wear a muffler in the winter? A course designed for those not planning to go on in life.
Zeus.

Religion 113W — ***Renee Richards, Man or Miss?*** An intense study on the "she-male" who underwent a sex change for the sole reason of winning the Davis Cup. Field trip to the hospital where the vile act took place.
Satyr.

Critical Languages-Italian 110W — ***Winter term at Vincent's.*** Seminar on the Italian's role in pizza making. One hour of discussion and three hours of "behind-the-counter" lab work. No previous knowledge of restaurant work required.
Rod.

Biology 452W — ***The Constitutional Monarch, Man or Moth?*** (also offered through the Government Dept.) Questions to be asked include: Would a twelve-inch King make a good ruler, and is the pesky frog a real danger to survival of the monarch? Also the real reason why Henry VIII threw margarine out the window. (To see butter fly)
T.B.A.

Astronomy 351W — ***Winter term on the Moon.*** Has little value for Astronomy students and does not count toward the (Ursa) Major. Important questions on the topic of "mooning," *i.e.* "Why was the college student thrown out of school for mooning a Prof. through a window?" (He was considered an ass in the pane). There is no extra cost, but students are responsible for their own transportation.
Rev. S.Y. Moon

Biology 334W — ***Winter term with the A.R.A.*** (also offered through the Classics Dept.) Five minutes of training and four hours of lab. Students will attempt to grow cultures on the dishes, dissect veal cutlets, and attempt to reconstruct the horse from the hamburgers. No previous knowledge (of anything) required.
Fred.

Humanities 000W — ***Intro. to Suicide.*** Meets Monday, Jan. 4 on the roof of the Science Building for the final. Indep. Study.

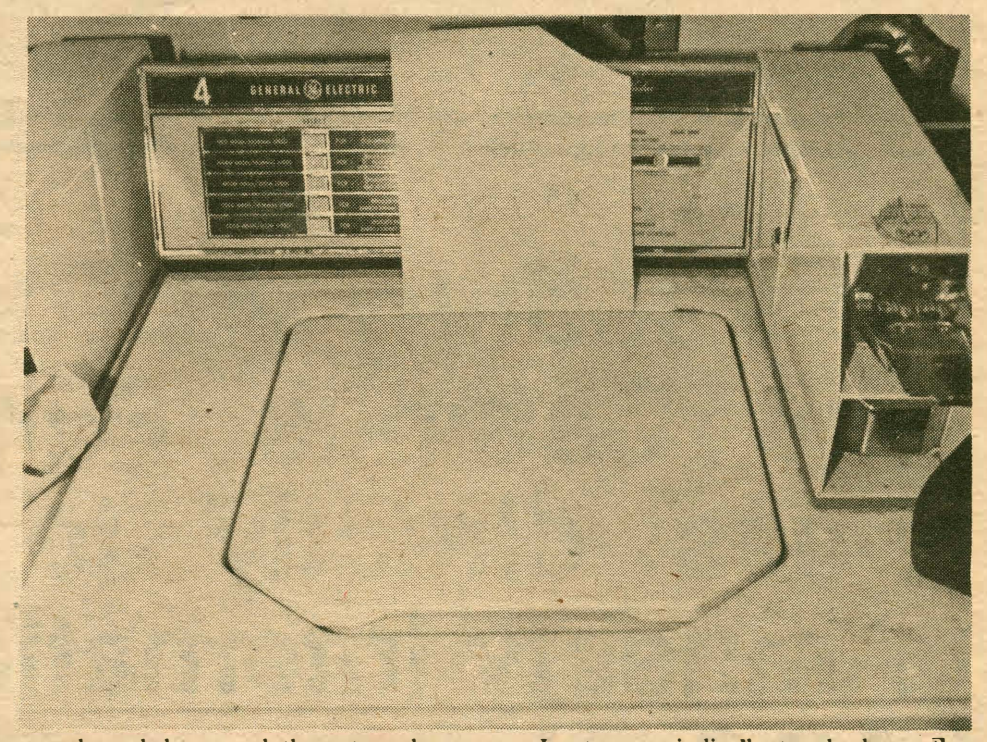
Missa Howard

Laundry Blues

I've got a paper due tomorrow and I don't feel like working on it. Guilt is trying to persuade me to be a conscientious student. I compromise and decide on a productive form of procrastination. I'll do my laundry.

At 9:30 a.m. I'm just outside of Bristol. Once downstairs in the laundry room I claim two free washers and begin sorting the whites from the colors. Things look good; I could even be done by 11:00. An hour and a half is ample time to wash, dry, and fold my clothes.

When washers *#3* and *#4* are loaded to the brim, I pour in a generous amount of Wisk thinking that this precaution will somehow help my clothes stay cleaner longer. I deposit two quarters and check the time. Half an hour later I return. Both of the washers' red lights have gone off. Their cycles are complete. I survey the dryer situation. My hopes plummet. Half of the six dryers have 'out of order' signs taped to their windows. The remaining three machines are being used.



Since other people are waiting I take my clothes out of washer *#3*. I lift the lid of the other washer but I cannot see my clothes. They are submerged in soapy water. I curse. I hate doing laundry. Why didn't I wait and convince one of my friends into going downtown? Why didn't I just go to the library to do my paper?

I'm drained but I muster what little patience I have left and wring my clothes one by one. By the time I finish doing this a dryer is free. I combine both loads of wash into one dryer. Nothing happens when I put the coin in its slot and push the on button. I can't believe it. I start jamming the on button. I glare at a fellow launderer. He asks me what's wrong and then steps over to push the button for himself. Miraculously, my clothes start tumbling. At this point I don't care how the dryer got going as long as it is.

I return periodically to check on the dryer's progress. It is not fast by any means but at least it is working. By the time my clothes are clean and dry it is 12:50. Class starts in ten minutes.

In K-J, after class, I stop at the Dean of Students' Office. I ask one of the secretaries if she can tell me roughly how many people live on the Stryker campus. Over 550 is the reply. I consider this for a moment; provided that they work, six washers and six dryers are used by 550 people. That's a rather interesting proportion.

David Norman

Queen Nancy

Just who does Nancy Reagan think she is anyway? Last week, the First Lady called on National Security advisor Richard Allen to step down in light of the charges that he has been facing. These concerned alleged gratuities given to him by a Japanese magazine in return for setting up an interview with Mrs. Reagan. The next thing you know, she'll be calling on the Marines to invade the Soviet Union! This may be a slight exaggeration, but the point is this: since when does the President's wife attempt to dictate public policy? Nancy Reagan must obviously think very highly of herself if she has the audacity to state in public that Richard Allen should resign. Quite simply, the First Lady of the United States, any First Lady, should play no role in this decision.

Perhaps Mrs. Reagan's statement concerning the Allen controversy stems from her deep-rooted belief that she truly is above all the rest. Many of her vacations certainly indicate this. Let's take, for example, Mrs. Reagan's well-publicized trip to Great Britain this past summer, on the occasion of the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. For a while there it was difficult to remember who was getting married, since Mrs. Reagan was so skillfully able to upstage even the British Royal family. Her frenetic social pace included party after party and dainty afternoon teas. Her stay was highlighted by her failure to curtsy when she was introduced to Queen Elizabeth. It is likely that Mrs. Reagan was waiting for the Queen to curtsy to her. It was also likely that Mrs. Reagan was expressing her jealousy at not having been born into royalty. It is obvious that she would like to be the first "Queen Nancy" of the United States.

Well, at least the sale of expensive dresses by Adolfo and other ritzy designers have picked up since Nancy Reagan took up residence in the White House. It's kind of ironic that while the majority of Americans are struggling for survival because of the nation's worst economic conditions since the Great Depression, our First Lady insists on walking around in $3,000 dresses. Is this supposed to create a good impression? Women who earn $3,000 a year and who must support a family are probably not too impressed at all. Whatever happened to the days of "Republican cloth coats" a la Dick Nixon, anyway?

Let's also not forget little guns with pearl handles. Sellers of guns were filled with joy when Mrs. Reagan revealed to the public that she sleeps with a gun under her pillow. How precious! Perhaps one evening she'll do us all a big favor by doing you know what to you know who with her little gun. She can simply say she thought he was a burglar.

So Nancy Reagan thinks she's royalty, wears expensive dresses, and owns a handgun. What's the big deal, one might ask? She is also against passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. She has personally set back the women's rights movement by her everyday portrayal of a servile wife, overly concerned with the redecoration of the White House and fancy clothes. Is there any more substance to this woman? Oh yes, we must not forget, she rides horses. Doesn't she look cute in a cowboy hat? Activists in the women's movement and proponents of passage of the E.R.A. sure don't consider Mrs. Reagan their First Lady.

Feminists should be happy to know that Ronald Reagan once said that "there is no greater happiness for a man than approaching a door at the end of the day knowing someone on the other side of the door is waiting for the sound of his footsteps." Certainly, Nancy Reagan must be considered the "total woman." When asked what will occupy her time in the White House other than redecorating the living quarters, Mrs. Reagan replied, "supporting my husband." But does supporting one's husband include meddling in state affairs?

Nancy Reagan should be considered a great inspiration to the millions of women in this country who are seeking to assert their individuality and sense of equality. So Queen Nancy is the rare woman today who has clearly shown that she has no interests of her own that have any substance. Male chauvinists should feel proud. Finally, if Nancy Reagan really wanted to be royalty, she should have married Prince Charles while abroad. Unfortunately, he had a previous commitment.

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a) Accept that motherhood is an occupational hazard of marriage and go through with it

b) Point out that the contract only specified two and tell him to get lost

c) Have a horseback riding accident and negate the issue

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If Hamilton women are ceasing to be a progressive force, Hamilton men hardly seem better. While we may divide the female population into "those who wear sweatpants and those who don't have to," we may divide the male Hamilton population into "those who wear 'redneck mesh-backed caps' and those who don't." The "those who don'ts" are quickly disappearing. "Redneck mesh-backed caps" are of course, those quasi-baseball caps with names like "Brutus Construction Co." and "Biceps Trucking" embroidered on the front. The complete affect is not attained until one also wears a sweat jacket with the hood protruding out over his denim jacket. A small tuft of hair sticking through the gap above the adjustable strap on the back of the cap is also advisable. These caps go on in September and simply never come off, not even for interviews. Intellectually, wearing these caps qualifies one to hurl insults at President Carovano, make comments like "good stick" while watching football in the Dunham lounge, and run for high political office at Hamilton. Academics do not "mesh" with the caps, though. About the best use the typical cap wearer found for a pen and paper this semester was signing the weight room petition.

But who does the redneck mesh-backed cap wearer think he is fooling with his blue-collar fantasy? Three years from now, the typical cap wearer will be an accountant. Six years from now he will be calling Lawn King to cut his grass due to his backache. Nine years from now he will be living the kind of roles that Walter Matthau plays in movies.

The cap wearers conventional future may arise from the conventional values that he holds now. The cap wearer may deem the new Hamilton woman a tease, but he is an adherent to "the old double standard." Women must be virtuous while men can be promiscuous, but unfortunately, most cap-wearers cannot live up to the second half of the standard and thus vent their frustrations by harassing women they deem either too virtuous or too promiscuous. The "old double standard" may force women into their "pre-wed" mode of behavior, and the "pre-wed" behavior may force men into "the old double standard." We could probably debate which came first until the time when men will start debating which came first, the test tube or the baby.

Today's new breed of Young Republicans at Hamilton embrace some of the conventions of their parents' age, but they also have accepted some changes in social norms. The best example is cocaine. Having passed the great divide into the realm of respectability, cocaine has become the most widespread white-collar crime since embezzlement. Young Republicans don't hesitate to indulge, either. Cocaine shows status for the new Hamiltonian the way a crochet set showed status for his parents. This illicit drug use will not interfere with the new Hamiltonian's bourgeois career aspirations, though. Quite to the contrary, five years from now he will probably be writing off the three-toot-lunch on his taxes.

If I was to summarily write off everyone who wears certain articles of clothing or uses certain substances, I would be guilty of the very mentality that I am attacking. My point is not to condemn and categorize everyone who adheres to some aspects of the image I have been berating, it is simply to sound a warning and jestfully cite some of the symptoms. Hamilton is not doomed to four more years of Young Republicanism, and lo and behold, it may be the maligned Hamilton administration that is saving us. Today it is the administrators, people in their thirties and forties who were influenced by a more open-minded era, who have become the progressive force here. It seems odd that students and administrators have switched roles in the past ten years with the administrators now advocating progressive change and the students resisting. Right now Dean Rice has some inventive changes in mind for the dormitories. The admission department, getting the hint that the black student/football student ratio is a bit dubious, seems to be taking a greater interest in minority recruitment.

So call the present malaise a "pre-wed syndrome," a "Young Republican mentality," the "New Hamiltonianism" or whatever you wish — you all know what I'm talking about. Some people at this college recognize the general torpor of today's youth and are trying to keep Hamilton an exciting and tolerant institution. The commitment of these reformers makes me more optimistic about Hamilton than I was three years ago. Coming from a man who begins and ends each day doubting, that must be significant.

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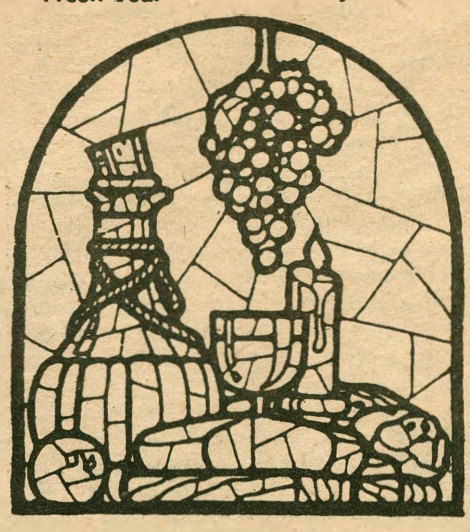

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Fund drives on

by Kate Darcy

The 1982 Hamilton College Campus Fund Drive is now underway and chairpersons Jeff Eaton and Chip Bristol '83 have set this year's goal at $5,000.

The drive raises money to support five campus organizations: Oxfam, Amnesty International, the ABC House, Hamilton Volunteer Services and the Ambulance Corps. The money is raised both through personal contributions and various events sponsored by campus organizations.

The fund drive, which was started many years ago, has been organized for the last four years by College Chaplain Jeff Eaton and has seen a steady growth in contributions. The greatest increase occurred last year when Chip Bristol agreed to help Eaton with the drive. Prior to last year's drive, which raised $3,000, the traditional fund-raising method had been door-to-door soliciting in the dormitories, which was unsuccessful. Eaton and Bristol realized that the drive needed school-wide participation, and through events like the Art Auction, which raised $300, and fraternity parties held to benefit the drive, not only was more money raised, but the drive's exposure increased as well.

This year the organizers hope that the fund drive will be a group effort involving everyone on campus, and that it will prove a unifying factor at a time when the student body is divided over many issues.

If an individual or organization wishes to donate money to one of the charities specifically, they can still give the money to the fund drive and specify where they wish it to go.

The drive has no budget, so all the money collected goes directly to the organizations. With the continued support of the Hamilton community and further involvement by groups such as the fraternities and the IDC, the drive should reach its goal. As Eaton said, "Five thousand dollars is really only, when you think about faculty, staff and the student body, about two bucks a head." The drive's organizers would be grateful for any suggestions of possible fund-raisers, and both Eaton and Bristol would be happy to talk to any student or organization interested in donating their time and energies to the drive.

Hansen Leicester speak on Wife of Bath

by Elisabeth Daley

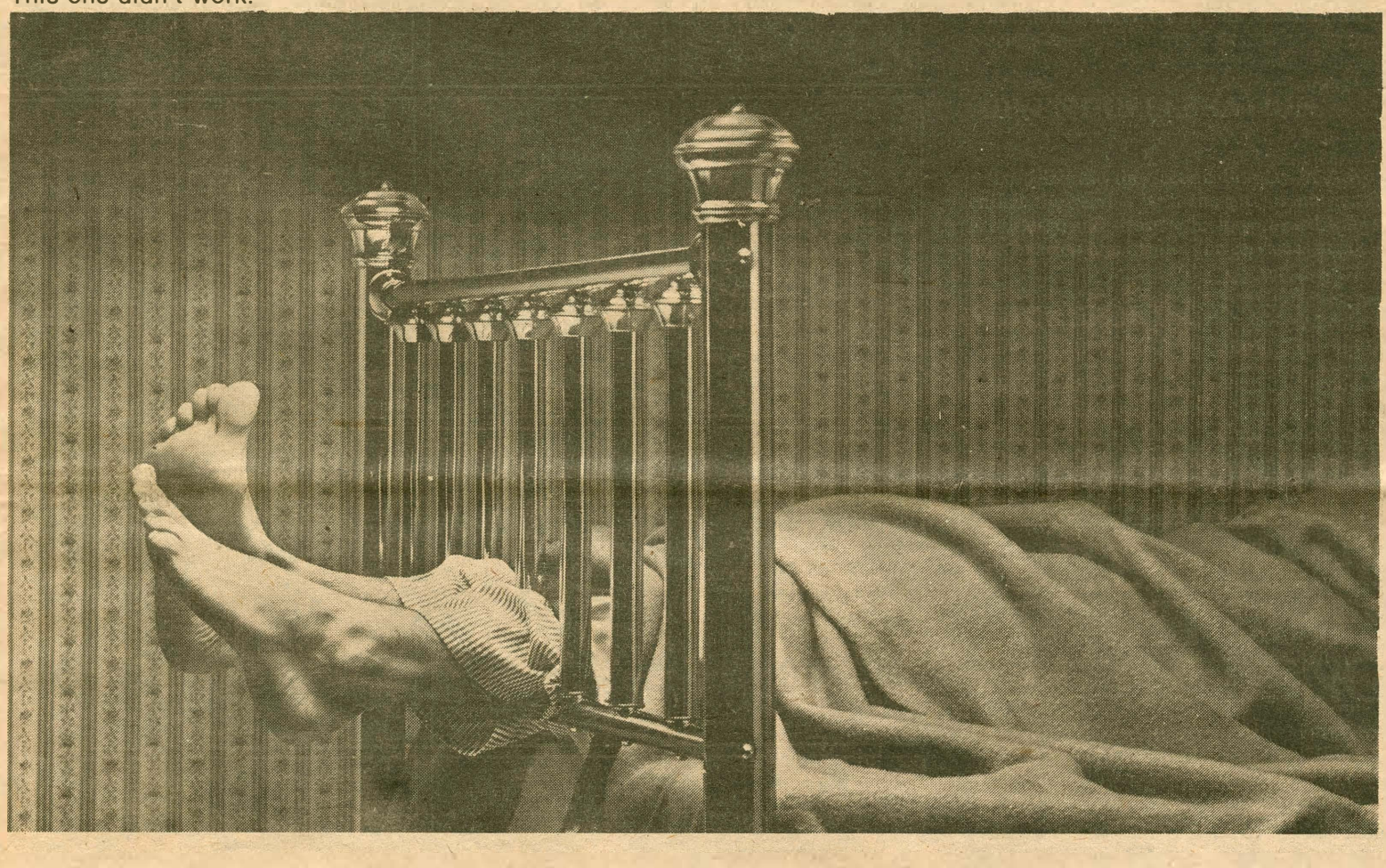
"Who Painted the Lion?" a lecture and discussion with Elaine Hansen and H. Marshall Leicester, was presented on Thursday, Nov. 19th in the Red Pit. Organized by Janet Halley, assistant professor of English, and Bonnie Kreuger, assistant professor of Romance Languages, the presentation was sponsored by the Faculty for Women's Concerns.

The lecture was subtitled "New Perspectives on Chaucer's Wife of Bath," and both speakers concerned themselves with examining the validity of the Wife as a speaker from a feminist stance.

Ms. Hansen, who formerly taught English at Hamilton, emphasized that although the Wife is "one of the principal images of women that feminist critics have already analyzed," there is something more to say because she presents "paradigms of central issues in feminist criticism," especially in works written by men. Ms. Hansen spoke first, concentrating on the prologue to the Wife's tale, and Mr. Leicester followed, focusing his talk on the tale itself.

Ms. Hansen left Hamilton College two years ago to take a position with the Department of English at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Mr. Leicester did his graduate work at Yale and currently teaches English at the University of California at Santa Cruz. This year he is on a Guggenheim Fellowship in New York, writing on Chaucer.

The idea for the double lecture came about because the FWC "wanted to have a forum on feminist criticism that would be interesting to both faculty and students." The Wife of Bath is one of the more familiar literary figures to students, as well as the fact there's "a lot of interesting work done on her." The forum was very well attended by both faculty and students, and a lively discussion followed the presentation.



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Pollock: Good nukes?

TO THE EDITOR:

Ignorant masses of people swarm on the ground, hornets from a smashed nest; they all hate "nukes," but does one of twenty angry demonstrators know or really understand the issues of nuclear power?

Hearing that nuclear power can be dangerous, most people close their ears (and minds) so that they cannot understand why anyone wants nukes. Ignorance is Bliss.

But the simple fact is that the United States needs energy and now. And in the near future. Where will it come from? Solar energy is at least twenty years away, wind is too expensive, coal has killed more by pollution than Three Mile Island would have maimed if there had been a melt-down, and oil is scarce.

"Nukes are dangerous!" Yes, they are. And a knowing few might add that they are expensive. The cost of nuclear energy is really in the twilight zone. Where does that leave us? Good question.

This coming Wednesday, December 9, the man "in charge" of Three Mile Island will speak in the Chapel at 8:30. William Kuhns, Chairman of the Board of General Public Utilities, is the man. Come listen to what he has to say; there will be a question and answer session after the talk. G.P.U. owns several nuclear power plants, and is responsible for the first large scale nuclear power plant. Anti-nukes may not change their minds, but this is a chance for each to learn how to decide about nukes by knowing, rather than by ignorance or fear.

JEFF POLLOCK

Kantrowitz: Poor writing

TO THE EDITOR:

I write to comment on a piece of poor journalism which appeared in the November 20 issue of *The Spectator* entitled "Choir Rises in Fall." by David Berthiaume. The article features the opinions of one member of the choir who has been affiliated with the group for less than one semester. Some of the remarks are less than accurate; at least, unclear. For example, the assessment of the group's being "severely hampered by the lack of an adequate place to practice and perform." It is fairly evident that the performing arts facilities on the campus are less than adequate. Of course, steps are being taken to remedy this situation. Nonetheless, the old Kirkland Dorm Loft has for years housed one of the best choirs of any school comparable to Hamilton. This year the same can be said for the List Recital Hall. And the sound of the choir in the chapel is not exactly the sound of a "severely hampered group," as was indicated on Sunday, November 22, when the choir performed Vaughan Williams *Mass in G Minor*. Also, the choir has not sung in Minor Theater for the last academic generation, for certain, if not longer. In short, it is not clear that "the group would love a large hall." As for the choir's being sufficiently funded, I look back to 1979-80 when the choir was selling anything that moved to raise money for a European tour.

Paragraph two of said article begins by saying "Mr. Kolb took over for Mr. Spear,. . . and he is a sensitive man who feels for the music." Above and beyond the lack of clarity in this description, I surely hope there is no tacit comparison being made between the two musicians, for, of course, neither the author of the article nor the choir member he interviewed, both freshmen, ever sang under Mr. Spear.

Another interesting comment was the apparent criteria set forth for choir membership — "just a good voice and ability to read music." Is this the only prerequisite? It is made to sound rather trivial. The article also advertised the choir's singing "the Vaughan Williams Mass." Is that like "the Bach fugue?"

I ask where the editor was when this piece slipped into *The Spectator*. It is saturated with generalizations, inaccuracies, poor writing, and one man's opinion. Surely other choir members and the director could also have been reached for comment, unless the article was thrown together late Thursday evening in Bristol. How could such absurdities as ". . . There is always room for improvement, but the group is very dedicated and always working to improve," been printed? Find me any performance group which isn't always working to improve — I'd like to attend one of their rehearsals.

ROB KANTROWITZ '82

D'Amato: Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the many students across the state who have contacted my office to express their views on the proposed cuts in student financial aid. I can well understand students' concern after the President's September 24 speech in which he requested an additional 12 percent cut in all domestic programs.

You will be pleased to learn that there were no additional cuts in the two main programs which make it possible for students to pursue a college education — Pell Grants and Guaranteed Student Loans. Initially, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Labor, HHS and Education had proposed a $308 million cut in the Guaranteed Student Loan program. I contacted Senator Schmitt, Chairman of the Subcommittee, and informed him that I could not support cuts which fundamentally affected a student's ability to attend college. The full Appropriations Committee subsequently dropped the proposed reduction in Guaranteed Student Loans. In addition, whereas the Subcommittee had originally recommended a $215 million funding level for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), I and several other Senators were successful in adding $75 million to this vital program.

Today, government supported or subsidized student aid is essential to the financing of higher education. In 1979-80, for example, New York State college students received an estimated $1.6 billion in student aid, of which at least $1.32 billion came from the State and Federal governments. In New York State alone, over 312,000 students studying full-time received guaranteed student loans in 1979-80. Rest assured that I will continue to fight for student financial aid.

I would again like to thank you for your interest and support for student financial aid. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,
ALFONSE D'AMATO
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Gittelman: Budget check

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Professor Gray's article in *The Spectator* suggesting that someone should examine Hamilton's budget carefully, the Americans for Democratic Action decided to examine this issue. A.D.A. decided to look into this matter primarily to see if the budgetary allocations for the academic departments were both reasonable and sufficient.

To complete its study by obtaining first hand information, A.D.A. members attempted to interview all academic department chairpersons. Admittedly, it was unable to interview all departments, but it was able to compile a healthy sampling of diverse departments and interests. The majority of chairpersons cooperated in the study by responding to a variety of questions concerning departmental expenditures such as salaries, programs, and equipment.

A.D.A. found that most faculty chairpersons were satisfied with their budgetary allocations for both their regular course programs and their special departmental needs. The Math department, for example, is pleased with its funds which provided for the new equipment that it asked for (i.e. the Terak computer and a calculator). Similar responses came from other departments, and departments seemed pleased with the funding for special interest projects such as study abroad. Here, for example, the Government department points out that it was very pleased with the adequate funding pigeonholed specifically for its Washington programs.

Additionally, most departments seemed content with the adjustment of funds according to department size by the administration. They feel that the administration is somewhat responsive to their shifts in size. Derek Jones, chairperson of the Economics department points out, for example, that his department has gained its much needed faculty expansions, in that they have grown from "four to eight professors in the last five or six years."

However, A.D.A.'s study did expose a major grievance expressed by most departments dealing with faculty's distress toward salaries. In their opinion, the most important point is that salaries across the board are too low. A few faculty members justified their opinions by referring to studies that showed that Hamilton faculty salaries were considerably lower than salaries at comparable institutions. One such study mentioned that Hamilton's faculty salaries were placed nineteenth out of twenty in relation to other small, quality liberal arts colleges. Still another study brought up in conversation was one done by a Hamilton Economics professor, which supports the assertion that the salaries are not only comparatively low, but also they are inadequate. Finally, a more recent study, which appeared in *Academe* as a part of its Annual Report on the 1980-1981 Economic Status of the Profession, expressed further Hamilton's poor showing in relation to faculty compensation. Interestingly, one notable feature of this study brings to light the fact that the salaries of associate professors and instructors are particularly low. Within Hamilton itself, this point was illustrated last year when an associate professor of math reported to *The Spectator* that his family was eligible for food stamps under his salary at that time.

At the completion of this study, A.D.A. has many suggestions which it can draw from its findings. First of all, A.D.A. was impressed with the satisfaction of the departments with regard to their general budgets, and we hope that the administration continues to respond to any necessary requests of the departments.

In addition, A.D.A.'s opinion of budget allocations corresponds to those opinions of faculty members who believe that faculty salaries are too low. Furthermore, A.D.A. members understand the problems which such a condition presents to the faculty. Finally, we would like to express our hopes that something will be done to right this problem because, as Derek Jones goes on to say, "This affects the ability to attract and retain a very good faculty." Although A.D.A. realizes that college costs are increasing, it feels that this is one area that cannot be denied adequate funding.

SUSAN GITTELMAN

Jusza: Whose money?

TO THE EDITOR:

A few weeks ago, in the Print Shop, I met a young lady quite accidently who turned out to be an art student and who promised to make two posters for me for my church bazaar.

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'A controversial issue'

Affirmative Action considered

by Cindy Maybeck

The question of whether or not to implement Affirmative Action is at present a controversial issue, both on this campus and nationally. Some feel that it is not needed, that Equal Opportunity programs are sufficient support for women and minorities who should be able to compete with white male applicants in the present system. Others feel that women and minorities need the additional support of the more active Affirmative Action programs to ensure an equal chance at positions of employment. Both Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action programs consider only candidates of equal qualifications.

Here at Hamilton, we have an Equal Opportunity program for the faculty. Recently, the possibility of instituting an Affirmative Action program has been discussed. At the Tuesday, November 3 faculty meeting, the faculty voted: "Resolved that this faculty requests that the President of this College consider adopting an Affirmative Action plan."

In a study conducted by Hamilton's Equal Opportunity Committee, it was foundt hat eight out of ten colleges have Affirmative Action Programs. The committee contacted ten colleges with situations similar to Hamilton and found that eight have Affirmative Action (Amherst, Bowdoin, Colby, Colgate, Haverford, Lafayette, Trinity, and Union) and only two have Equal Opportunity (Franklin & Marshall, and Middlebury).

Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity programs are similar in that they have the same goal. Every effort is made to enlarge the pool of female and minority applicants, and then to ensure that these individuals are given support, encouragement, and opportunities for advancement once they are hired. In neither program is there any hint that the institution's standards should be or need to be lowered. The institution with either program considers applicants of equal qualifications.

There are, however, several advantages to the Affirmative Action programs. Institutions with Affirmative Action appear to be more serious in their efforts to hire women and minority faculty than Equal Opportunity institutions. The presence of an Affirmative Action program represents to the outside community a statement of commitment on the part of the institution to work toward the goal of a more diverse faculty. Affirmative Action also tends to be more successful because prospective minority and female applicants are more likely to respond to an advertisement including an Affirmative Action statement because they feel they have a better chance of being hired.

It is easier for Affirmative Action institutions to gauge their progress because the programs set quantifiable goals; that is, a certain number of minorities and women to be hired by a certain date. The program does *not* suggest disregarding standards to attain a quota; a quantifiable goal is simply that — a goal, a goal to be worked toward during a certain period of time.

One difficulty the Affirmative Action programs have is a lack of available minority professors, along with the difficulty of attracting them to small, isolated institutions. After a six month search, an Affirmative Action officer at Williams College found only three black faculty members to fill openings. According to Bates' campus paper, *The Bates Student,* of October 23, 1981, Bates is having trouble finding black professors. " 'The difficulty that Bates has in finding black faculty has nothing to do with any active or passive racism,' Cole said, [John Cole, acting dean of the faculty] blaming the college's location and the competition for black professors for the difficulty. 'In a recent year there were 22,400 doctorates awarded nationally,' in fields Bates teaches, the dean said. 'Of them 696 were black. There's just tremendous competition.' "

And yet in spite of the difficulties, Hamilton's Equal Opportunity Committee stresses the importance of serious consideration of Affirmative Action programs for Hamilton in their 1980-81 report. The committee feels that Hamilton could benefit from an Affirmative Action program. More specifically, the report points to three potential gains. First, that the application of quantifiable goals would provide for the community a more graphic consciousness of its progress or lack thereof. Secondly, that women and minorities would be more likely to apply; and finally, that public discussion on this issue would be educational to both the faculty and the community at large.

The Equal Opportunity Committee's report goes on to stress that it is essential to have minority and women professors at an institution such as Hamilton, for they can "perform additional functions not provided by the majority male faculty." They provide a more diverse faculty and often bring different perspectives and interests to their academic pursuits. They act as role models to women and minority students and frequently advise these students with greater understanding and rapport. Finally, they attract other women and minorities, both faculty and students, to Hamilton, and can provide support for them.

Regardless of Hamilton's decision on Affirmative Action, the Equal Opportunity Committee offers several suggestions; among them are the following:

**As many candidates as possible should be interviewed. Specifically, where scheduling allows, departments should take advantage of a national or regional convention in the field to see a large group of candidates (if only for a preliminary interview) at a small per capita cost.*

**All faculty should be directly informed of all faculty openings (not only those in their department). This should be done through the same channels (campus mailings) by which all faculty are now kept informed of administrative openings, faculty housing, etc.*

**The Dean should take steps to lessen the concern on the part of the department chairs about advertising costs, since that concern may prevent a widening of the pool of candidates.*

**It has been documented that dossier recommendations often reflect a less considered treatment of women students than of men by their former mentors. The faculty should be aware of this source of bias. One means of avoiding it is as follows. In searches where both a dossier and a sample of work are considered, the sample of work might be considered before* the letters of recommendation. This would allow the faculty to judge the quality of the candidates' work for themselves without possible prejudice from the comments in the recommendations.

Grants in doubt

by James Furman

As a result of the Reagan Administration's extensive budget cuts, the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship program faces a period of belt-tightening that could result in its eventual extinction.

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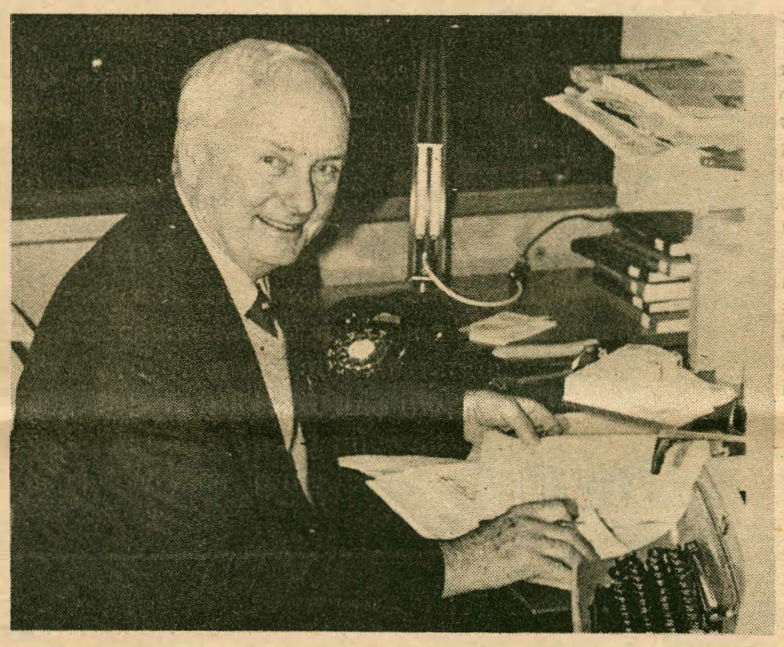

Professor C. B. Richardson

Fellowship Committee member C.B. Richardson observed, "It's an absolute disgrace that such an important and good program is being compromised," for it has proved to be one of the key elements of American Foreign policy, fostering good will between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchanges. In reference to the amount of money involved in the

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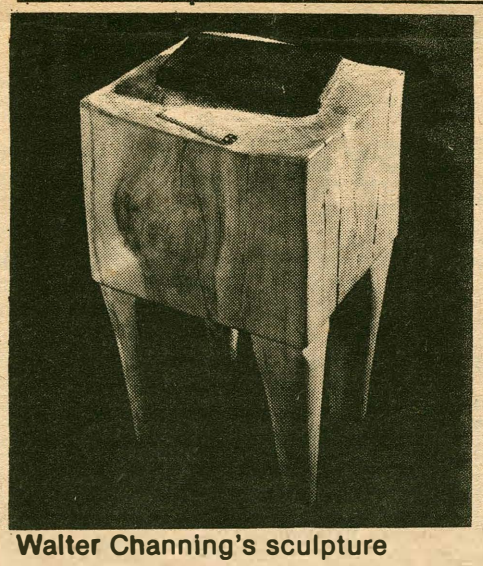

Walter Channing's sculpture *Chopping Block, Folio, Pencils,*

Still lifes at RAC

STILL LIFE TODAY, an exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, and sculptures by fifty contemporary artists, will open with a reception at the Root Art Center, Hamilton College on Sunday evening, December 6 from 8:00 to 10:00. All are welcome.

This comprehensive exhibition illustrates how American artists living today have dealt with the tradition of still life in the great variety of imagery, techniques, and media that characterizes contemporary art.

Recently, artists and the art public alike have rekindled their enthusiasm for representational art, and still life paintings are reappearing in abundance. Interest in traditional still life continues, but artists today are exploring a wide diversity of subjects and styles peculiar to our own age. Ranging from Pop impressions by Jim Dine, Roy Lichtenstein, Jasper Johns, and Wayne Thiebaud to the atmospheric realism of William Bailey, Janet Fish, and Robert Kulike, STILL LIFE TODAY illustrates well the lure that has repeatedly drawn artists of varied styles and temperaments to the investigation of ordinary objects in isolation.

Lost in translation?

by Gina Clemente

Could Nancy Reagan, Lydia Gromyko, and Viktoria Breshnev prevent WWIII? The ancient playwright Aristophanes showed how with his political and sexual farce, *Lysistrata.* Faced with the ongoing civil war between the Athenians and the Spartans, Aristophanes offered a simple yet unorthodox solution. An Athenian woman, Lysistrata, with a band of Greek women brought fighting to an end by simply denying the fun pleasures of domestic life.

The *Lysistrata* performed in Minor Theater November 12-21, was an amusing, entertaining, but perhaps too modern and ostentatious a rendition of the ancient Greek creation. The classical stage was transformed into a '60's revival, with the title character appearing in a bright blue jumpsuit and white "go-go" boots. The true genius of the play and the subtlety of its humor were underscored by the use of slang, as a modern translation was chosen. The political and moral statement of the play — that being the grave issue of war — tended to be overshadowed by this overt and superficial style. The rock soundtrack, with words perfectly matched to situations, seemed to debase the play; it made its statement blatant and left nothing to the imagination. Playing the Beatle's classic "Yesterday" (which I assume was meant to imply the Greek ideal of the Golden Age) was certainly a well-intended and somewhat effective stage device. But when Jim Morrison's voice was heard singing "C'mon Baby Light My Fire," as the sex-starved men gathered at the Acropolis, I laughed. The musical lyrics throughout the play became annoying and insulting; the play's message was thrown at the audience, not allowing us to think for ourselves. In addition, the seemingly endless "slides from antiquity" served only as an unnecessary annoyance and a detraction from the play.

Most of the play's humor came from the abounding sexual insinuations and flat-out crudity. "Here are our credentials," the men stated as they unveiled their giant and ornamental zuchinni and bread loaf phalluses. The sheer absurdity of this display, and its gross exaggeration produced raucous laughter from the audience, but once again the technique was used in excess. The initial humor was degraded by overuse, as the parade of these protrusions became tiring and no longer funny.

The performances on the whole were quite good. Both the male and female choruses were delightful and often accounted for the play's best scenes. One of the play's highlights was the confrontation between these men and women before the Acropolis. The male chorus, a pitiful but endearing band of old bearded men clad in grey sweats with (of course) small phalluses cleverly attatched, came face to face with the female chorus, an adorable bunch of gutsy ladies with coffee cups and funnels attatched to their sweat shirts. A comical battle ensued, as the women assaulted the cowering men with rolling pins, forks, and other "household items." Another such scene was one in which the debasement and humiliation of the men had reached its zenith. They became modern-day cheer-leaders, complete with colored pom-poms and bare legs, shouting their verses while jumping and skipping to a beat.

Cast in the lead as Lysistrata, Barbara Wiechman, although obviously a fine actress, did not seem imposing enough for the role. One tends to picture Lysistrata as being stronger and more commanding a figure. She seemed to add no dimension to the character, as she simply played the "defiant woman," without providing any additional depth. I left the theater having no sense of the main character. She induced little evidence for true admiration or respect, as Lysistrata should.

Deborah Healy, as the vain and frivolous Kleonike, the supposed epitome of femininity, was most credulous in her role. Her character was well developed and seemingly real. The meagerness and naivete she displayed were as touching as they were pathetic.

The interplay between Myrrhine (Marina Mahlau) and her lustful husband Kinesias (Will Oberholtzer) was convincing and well played. Myrrhine's teasing of her husband was light, fast moving and quite comical.

Clyde Tuggle, as commisioner of public safety, gave a most adequate, but not memorable performance. His character, like Lysistrata's, fell short of definition.

The Minor Theater production of *Lysistrata* was generally well-performed, enjoyable and entertaining, but it did not venture beyond. The production's extravagance and tendency to push an initially humorous idea to a no longer pleasant extreme proved to be tiring and stale.

Dated but delightful

by Anne Spalek

A classic comedy has to have wit, pace, well-timed delivery and perfect casting. *Harold and Maude,* well on its way if not there already, fulfills all the requirements and has a message as well. It's also a great film to see if one is depressed. *Harold and Maude* is a very funny, happy film, which there haven't been too many of recently.

The casting is so well-done that it's almost impossible to imagine anyone else in the roles. Ruth Gordon is Maude as Tony Randall is Felix. Her nutty exuberance is complemented by Bud Cort's reserve as the haunted Harold. One of the best things in this film are the minor characters, such as Harold's mother and his war-crazed uncle, whose characterizations are unforgettable.

In scenes where one starts noticing the soundtrack too much, and Maude starts doing too much simplistic philosophizing, the film sags. However, one is usually still laughing from the last joke, so the flaws don't obtrude as they might in a less funny film.

The plot, for those still unfamiliar with it, revolves around Maude, a freewheeling eighty year old, who meets up with Harold at a funeral. Besides funerals, Harold likes to stage fake suicides for his mother. The serious part of the film is Maude's reintroducing Harold to life, but fortunately most of the time it doesn't take itself too seriously, which keeps *Harold and Maude* from becoming silly and obvious.

This film's major accomplishment is its success at being funny and making one feel good; its fame comes from the fact that such successes are very few.

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***Dance Workshop* — 7:00 p.m. Dance Studio**
***Ionesco's Frenzy for Two* — 8:00 p.m. Studio Theatre**
***Wine, Cheese and Music — Music by Paul Gillespie and Kevin Barry from 'Rogue'* — 9:00 p.m. Sig.**

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events

movies

on campus this weekend

Samuel Kirkland: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show.* Friday 8 & 10 KJ, Saturday 8 & 10 Science Aud., Sunday 8 & 10 KJ.
Foreign and Fine Film Society: *Harold and Maude.* Friday 8 & 10 Science. Saturday 8 & 10 KJ. Sunday 2 & 4 KJ.
A Film of MPGA: *The War Game.* Friday 1, Saturday 6, Sunday 7 in KJ.
The Delta Phi Film Society: *Oklahoma!* Friday & Saturday 8 & 10 Chemistry.

on campus this week

Women's Films: *The Widow.* Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9 in KJ.
Film: *The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter.* Tuesday 7 in KJ.
Romance Languages Film: *Schulmeister: The Emperor's Spy. Episode 13.* Wednesday 7 in Science.

readings and lectures

Government and Ecomomic Colloquium: *Professor David Gordon, U. of Rochester, "Expectations and Analysis of Economic Policy."* Friday, Alumni House at 3:30.
Journal Club Lecture: *Gary B. LaFleur, Instructor in Speech. "On Modeling the Logics of Discourse: An Exploration of Unwanted Repetitive Conversations."* Tuesday, Dwight Lounge at 8:30.
Student Dramatic Reading. Wednesday, Red Pit at 8:30.
Lecture: *William G. Kuhns, Chairman of the Board of General Utilities Corporation, which owns the Three Mile Island Plants. "The Future of Nuclear Power."* Wednesday, Chapel at 8:30.

music

Concert: *Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society and Orchestra.* Tuesday, Alumni Gym at 8:30.

theater

Three one-acts: *Frenzy For Two (or more).* Friday and Saturday, Studio Theater in McEwen at 8 p.m.

exhibits

Root Art Center. Exhibition Opening and Reception: *"Still Life Today."* Organized by the Gallery Association of NYS. Sunday at 8.
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New Sculpture by John von Bergen. Munstitute Museum of Art. December 4 — February 7.

Does football work?

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community support it could receive. "We've had quite a long experience with losses," observed Professor Sidney Wertimer, "but nobody can remember when the basketball team used to have losing seasons."

Stratford complained this week, "A lot of people around here are too damned impatient. After I've had a chance, then people can make a judgement which is just and valid. But doing so now is ludicrous and premature." In an interview last month, he claimed that he needs two more years of solid recruiting to produce a winning team at Hamilton. The Coach also explained that most of the players on the Hamilton squad are freshmen or sophomores, while the teams Hamilton plays "start" mostly upperclassmen, who are more mature athletes.

"If we won," said Murphy, "the students would be happy as hell. We don't win, and everyone's upset."

One critic is upset about more than the team's losing record. "There are a lot of guys on the team who I like and who I respect, but there's a lot of people on the team who don't belong on the Hill," he said. "Why do people associated with the football team cause problems? Because the coach does not discourage his players from participating in anti-social activities. And the players who have been causing the most trouble are the ones who have been recruited — the ones who are here to play football, not here to get an education."

Another student who requested anonymity observes, "There is an anti-social attitude among certain players on the football team. The mentality is that they're not here to study, but to be the macho men on campus. They feel they should be able to get away with things, and they do, because people are afraid to turn them in."

"I've been a coach for 25 years," responded Stratford to the charges against him, "and I've never had anyone say that to my face. If anyone can back that up — fine." *The Spectator* reminded Stratford of an incident in which some members of the football team behaved raucously in the Pub three weeks ago after the squad's season-end banquet. Both this reporter and Stratford were in Bristol during the incident. "I prevented a lot of trouble that night. I wanted to make sure that no nasty incidents occurred, and I wanted to make sure that a cool demeanor prevailed," the Coach commented.

"Noone here is a recruited football player. They are students first, and they follow the normal matriculation stream. They're here to get an education."

Klein called the charges "totally bogus. That's kind of a blanket statement. You can say that about anyone on any sport who is a trouble maker. Any athlete — or any person — who concentrates in an area is a person of strong will. Their personality traits are strong. Some are quiet, some are loud. Everyone is a different person."

"I don't think it's only been football players causing trouble," said Dan Capone '83. "There is no correlation whatsoever. You can't relate the trouble to the team."

Katz, who appreciates the opportunity the "family" atmosphere of the team provides older members to be role models for underclassmen, said that those role models "are not always good." Furthermore, he said, "the game affects your personality if you lose your perspective of what the sport is. You're here to get a liberal arts education, and if you lose that perspective because of the game, then it's bad." About Stratford encouraging aggressive behavior, Katz said, "he doesn't [encourage it] off the field, but he does on the field, because of the nature of the game. But he tells us we're watched, and he stresses that."

Assistant Dean of Students Ruth Sullivan agreed with Katz' views about aggression on and off the football field. The game, she said, "supports violence in our society. It's a public situation where violence is not only recognized, but enjoyed. The players are encouraged to be agressive, and how can we expect them to draw the line when they walk off the field?"

According to the *Ad Hoc* Committee report, the cumulative average for the football team was 81.88 through fall '79. The College average, according to the report was 83.5, and only four men's sports, squash, cross-country, track, and soccer had higher cumlative averages.

Katz cited that of seven senior football players, six are applying to professional schools. A student advisor, he also claims that the best student on his hall in Dunham is a freshman football player. "He's pre-med, he's taking biology and chemistry."

According to Doug Thompson, Dean of Admission, football players, and all athletes, are admitted "the same way anyone else is. They go through the exact same process. We receive information from lots of different sources, including coaches, music and science professors. We welcome any information from anyone about candidates. The admission committee, which evaluates all applications, takes those ratings into account when it makes its decision on the applicant." The recruitment process at Hamilton, he said, "is to get them to apply."

Hamilton, said Stratford, "Is an easy school to recruit for. It has high academic standards, and blue chip preprofessional programs. The financial aid packages are good." About the admission process, he explained, "The faculty makes the decisions. The applicants have to be of good academic timber."

Besides attracting good students, College President J. Martin Carovano said, the football program brings to Hamilton "a group of young men who would not ordinarily come here, namely the sons of lower-middle class and blue collar fathers."

Both Stratford and Murphy agreed with Carovano. "Without football players," said Murphy, "a certain type of person wouldn't be here."

The *Ad Hoc* Committee's report concluded, "that the athletic program, including intercollegiate athletics, is a very important part of the admissions [sic] process and helps to attract good students to Hamilton. . . . The Committee has not been able to come up with definitive evidence that athletics contribute to socioeconomic diversity. Impressionistic evidence from the Dean of Admission that the socioeconomic mix among athletes does not differ significantly from that of the student body as a whole is consistent with an initial examination of family income data made by the Committee. However, it may be that particular sports, such as football, contribute to a greater mix than the athletic program as a whole."

However, a student said, "$100,000 could be used to bring up 10-12 blue collar students not necessarily associated with football. Take that money and get a black, a Mexican, or someone from the hills of Tennessee."

The people who benefit most from the football team might well be the players themselves. Players interviewed this week describe intense personal relationships formed among the team. "I made most of my good friends on the team," commented Capone. "We work hard, and we get a mutual feeling of satisfaction."

The players also mentioned that playing on the team helps keep them in good physical condition, and instills in them a mental discipline which they expect to be an asset in later years. "These are benefits and qualities that few other hobbies give you, and football is just that — a hobby," explained Klein.

Murphy agrees with Klein. "Football preps you for life. You learn about yourself, about sacrificing, about motivation. These are things you don't learn in classrooms."

"Being on the team gives you an opportunity to do something good for yourself — something that's going to benefit you in the long run," commented Katz. "A liberal arts education means educating yourself in a broad manner, including the physical way. Football does that for the players. It also lets you learn how to concentrate more — to suck things up and do your best when things aren't going well. It's a lifetime thing that's going to help you later on."

Tim Kane '83 played football as a freshman. After his first season, he left the team for personal reasons. "I didn't feel the program was very good, and I wasn't the only one. About 18 freshmen quit also." His complaint? "People took it too seriously. Division III should be fun. You should enjoy it. Also, people didn't make the effort to give everyone a sense of team unity. For some people, it instills a sense of comraderie. And it gives the community a sense of pride and solidarity. It's done by students, and it gets student support."

Many students and faculty members interviewed do, indeed, enjoy watching or listening to the Continental's forays onto the field. "It seems like a really good thing to do to support your team when you're in college," said one student.

Sidney Wertimer sees the team as "a way of rallying the college around itself. I go to see some of my students play. That's what I'm interested in — the students."

Capone also sees the team as a source of school pride. "The fans can get enjoyment from the game. They can go to the game and have a really good time. It's fun to watch, especially if you know the guys playing."

Some speculate that football "serves a very important function, especially for the alumni."

Vice President of the College for Communications and Development Joseph Anderson, who has considerable contact with Hamilton's graduates, confirmed that, "the alumni want football, and they want it to be respectable. If we dropped football, they'd feel we were losers," because similar schools, like Bates and Bowdoin, will continue to field their teams. But, added Anderson, "many things promote a feeling among alumni for the College, including football." He reported that a group of graduates was very proud this week; to see some of Hamilton's musical groups perform in New York City.

Carovano stated, "A healthy football program is something Hamilton can't afford not to have, and we're moving in the direction of having a healthy program. There are various programs the College offers, and football is certainly one."

"My feeling," said Murphy, "is that as long as I have anything to say about it, there will always a football team. And there will also be a field hockey team, a women's soccer team, and a hockey team."

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President Carovano will hold an open meeting to discuss Hamilton's social/residential options and facilities on Tuesday, December 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

Carovano's plans

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in the lotteries. Carovano continued to say that "I can't see why they couldn't start doing that in the Fall of 1982."

Both lotteries, he said, would be run "even-handedly." Possibly, if Bundy were to be closed, he said, a meal plan lottery might not have to be run at all.

Carovano said that he hoped that the Trustees will "concur" with his proposals, but there is not likely to be any formal action, except possibly the authorization to spend more money on improving social space in dorms.

Responding to a question about whether the College, under this plan, would continue to oversee rushing rules, Carovano stated that the College would "try and be pragmatic." He stated that College approval of certain things might be necessary if a "dual interest" for such proved needed. Carovano stated that any action "will not be as clean and neat as one might like."

S. A. Recommendation on fraternity system

The following is a letter which the Student Assembly has presented to the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College:

The Student Assembly, as the representative body of the students at Hamilton College, makes the following recommendations to the administration of Hamilton College:

We urge the college to sever its administrative links to the fraternity system because of the discriminatory policies inherent in this system. By this severing, we mean ceasing to collect the rooming charges for fraternity houses and ceasing to give fraternity members preferential treatment in the housing and dining options at Hamilton.

We do not, however, support any further sanctions against the fraternity system. Once the college has severed its ties to the fraternity system, the fraternities should be allowed to exist and to interact within the college community as they have always done in the past.

We also do not support any manipulation of the housing or dining lotteries that will place a financial burden on the fraternity houses by limiting the number of students who can live or eat in the fraternity. Overcrowding in the dormitories has been a serious problem at Hamilton over the past three years; it will benefit the entire campus to allow the fraternities to fill their houses to capacity.

We support in full the recommendations of the Residence Committee (sanctioned committee of the Student Assembly). These recommendations include an equitable plan for off campus housing lotteries, as well as, outlines for the implementation of limited "blocking" and "squatting" within the dormitories to promote a community atmosphere in these buildings (please refer to the specific Residence Committee report).

Concerning the use of Bundy Dining Hall and the off meal plan lottery, the Student Assembly makes the following recommendations:

The Bundy Dining Hall should be kept open, at least for one more year, to accommodate the regular residents of Bundy, as well as those students who choose to "block" and "squat" there (Bundy has been designated as one of the experimental areas for blocking and squatting). Since the Food Service contract with ARA Slater requires 1100 students to eat in the dining halls, and there are presently 1250 students eating in the dining halls, the number of students allowed to eat off the meal plan should be increased. The precise number can be determined by the Food Service Committee (a sanctioned standing committee of the Student Assembly).

The Student Assembly has also approved a proposal to place two students on the Board of Trustees. A copy of this proposal is enclosed, and we will present this proposal to the Board at the December meeting. Considering the institutional changes that Hamilton is now experiencing, the Student Assembly feels that it is entirely appropriate to have direct student representation on the Board of Trustees. I hope that you will give serious consideration to this proposal.

This letter is designed to give you an indication of student reaction to the current social-residential situation on campus and the proposed changes to the system. I hope that this letter has served an educative purpose, and I look forward to seeing you in December.

Sincerely,
Gregory T. Doyle
President of the
Student Assembly

Assembly

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blocking and squatting would have on the low attendence at the dining hall. The recommendation also includes expanding the Special Dinners Program at Bundy by increasing the special dinner nights from one to two or three.

Finally, the Assembly's resolution states that if the college chooses to disassociate itself from the fraternity system the fraternities should not be subjected to the janitorial and maintenance standards of college owned housing.

ARA aims to please

by Kathy Decker

Disgusted with meat loaf? Bored by banana cream pie? Blame the Trustees of Hamilton College. In September, 1979, they contracted with Slater Corporation (a subsidiary of ARA Services, Inc.) to provide food service to the campus.

Under the terms of that contract, Hamilton College is expected to provide and maintain food service buildings and equipment, while ARA is expected to prepare and serve meals, as well as clean food service areas.

Hamilton, in addition, is required to pay an established fee to ARA for the meals provided to students. In 1981-1982, for example, out of a board charge of $1200 Hamilton will pay ARA $4.33 per student per day for a stipulated school year of 221 days.

Presently ARA services the Bristol Campus Center Snack Bar as well as the three campus dining halls. According to Thomas Brann, director of ARA/Food Services, McEwen dining hall serves the most students, followed closely by Commons and trailed by Bundy.

Brann, however, does not see the unpopularity of Bundy as a result of dissatisfaction with the service provided there. "Obviously," he said, "we do lower counts there because it is less geographically attractive."

Brann noted, in addition, that Pasta Night has brought more people to Bundy. Although the future plans of the food service include "considering what can be done about Bundy," the closing of Bundy is "an option the school has to look at. ARA isn't involved in that decision."

The success of ARA among students is hard to measure. Student opinions on the meals run from "awful" to "much better than at other colleges." According to Brann, student satisfaction with the meals is "something we try to deal with within the food service. Although it is hard to tell from what people say, we can get a general idea by the number of entrees being served."

Presently, the food service committee is preparing a "preference survey" that will better indicate the opinions of students.

Brann expressed much concern that the food service at Hamilton has an impersonal image. He pointed out that the link between ARA the corporation and the food service at Hamilton is a tenuous one. Although ARA is the contractor, the food service program is designed uniquely for Hamilton. Brann feels, therefore, that to call the college food service "ARA" is a misnomer; rather, it should be called the Hamilton College Food Service.

"I would definitely encourage people to participate in the food service through managers or the food service committee," Brann said.

If, therefore, you are disgusted with meat loaf and bored by banana cream pie, do not complain to the Trustees. Instead, get involved with the Hamilton College Food Service.

Resolution:

At its meeting of December 1, the faculty of Hamilton College passed the following two resolutions:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Resolved, that all students be required to complete the physical education requirement by mid-term of the second semester of the junior year.

COMMITTEE ON COEDUCATION

RESOLVED that this faculty form a committee to advise the President on matters connected with coeducation;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the faculty charges the committee with assessing the College's current status as a coeducational College, reporting in writing on that status to the faculty and the President and recommending any changes still necessary to complete the institution's transition to coeducation;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the members of such a committee be two men and two women elected from the regular faculty and one person chosen by the President from the administration;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the committee serve through the 1982-83 academic year and report prior to the end of each spring term.

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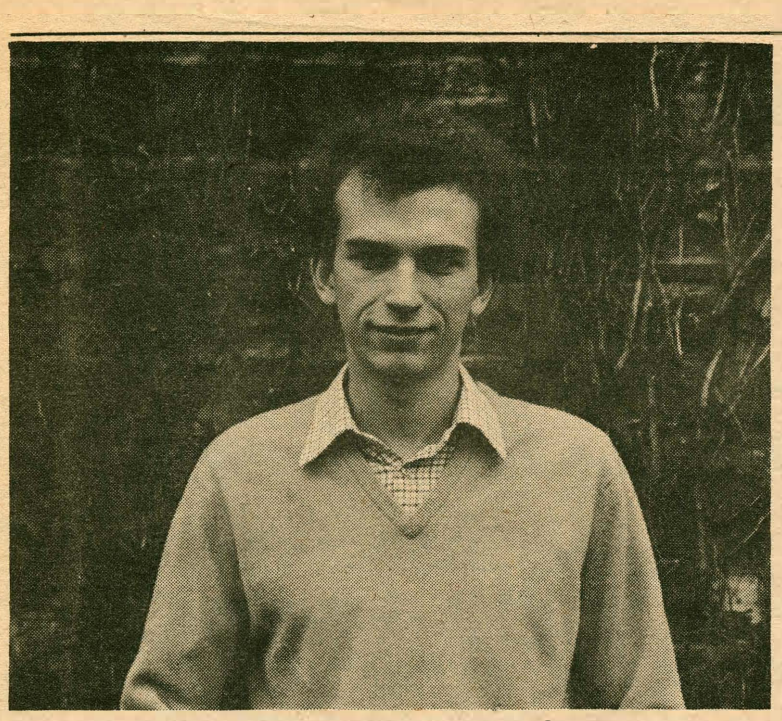

Alistair Mitchell '83, President of the IDC

IDC role expanding

by Matthew Lechner

If President Carovano is able to carry out his "present thinking" on Hamilton's social-residential situation, the Interdormitory Council, whose budget has mushroomed to an all-time high this fiscal year, will have much more responsibility as well as power. This year, the IDC has had to expand its system of representation to include "floor representatives," who hopefully will provide a more direct link between the IDC and the student body. The 61 floor representatives, scattered throughout 17 dorms, will be soliciting student input, which will be relayed to the IDC during regular meetings.

When the administration decided that the role of the IDC should be increased to encourage social activity not connected with the fraternities, the IDC's budget was dramatically increased. The budget for this school year, $16,700, is equal to roughly $8.38 per student per year. The IDC's budget is divided into three parts: a $2700 "General Fund," a $2000 Winter Carnival Fund, and $12,000 in Dorm Funds.

Much of the $12,000 Dorm Funds budget is being used to subsidize small functions within the dormitories, instead of being concentrated on large events. Alistair Mitchell, President of the IDC, believes "The mass party at Hamilton is going out." Entertainment such as pumpkin carving and pizza sharing has been sponsored. Mitchell commented that people are increasingly aware of the IDC, which is working diligently to use its budget as wisely as possible. Only ⅓ of the IDC's budget can be used to purchase alcoholic beverages, and Mitchell favors this regulation, as it encourages creative events.

The IDC has a few recurring problems, however. It has to contend with sometimes significant apathy on the part of the student body. Mitchell noted that when the IDC was holding elections for the positions of floor representative, some of the re ts were invalid as a result of insufficient turnout. For some reason, there is a law in the group's constitution that specifies that dorm funds will be frozen if a Dorm President misses two meetings in a row. However Mitchell noted that absenteeism has not been a major problem this year. Increased participation and funding has enabled the IDC to sponsor record numbers of small occasions.

The IDC, which was created in 1978, has had to expand its bureaucracy by adding a Vice President this year, a post now filled by Gary Edelman. Apparently, the President's job became too onerous and relief was needed. The new Vice President has added to the overall efficiency of the IDC, but Mitchell stated "Our manpower is not enough this year." When questioned as to the IDC's ability to take over the social role of the fraternities if President Carovano were to arbitrarily close the houses, as Williams College did, Mitchell responded that the IDC would not be equipped and that merely pumping money in would not do the job. Yet he added, "But, the IDC should not be political now."

At the IDC meeting on November 3, a suggestion was made that the group "take a stand" on Carovano's "present thinking;" however, this idea did not receive adequate support. The IDC, testing its new wings, met with the IFC, the Program Board, and the Student Assembly in an effort to coordinate the events sponsored by each group.

When questioned as to the feasibility of a merger of the IDC and the IFC, Mitchell replied: "It would be unfair for the IDC to merge with any group now, as it has not had time to reach its full capability." However, Mitchell later commented that, ultimately, a fusion of the Student Assembly and the IDC under one president might be beneficial. Mitchell believes that in the coming years the Student Assembly's power will decrease as the IDC's role increases.

"I am very impressed with what the Dorm Presidents have done this year," says Mitchell.

Dean search underway

by David Hitchcock

A national search for a new Dean of Students is about to begin, with the hiring of a "faculty type" a major priority in filling the position Dean Melvin Endy will vacate at the end of the school year.

President Carovano said Tuesday that he had posed several questions recently to the faculty members on the Academic Council regarding the Dean of Students post. The members agreed that one person should ultimately be in charge of student matters, both academic and non-academic. Carovano said that the faculty members on the the council were "indifferent" as to whether the Dean should report directly to the President or to the Dean of the College. There was agreement that the new Dean should have some experience in teaching, although it was felt unnecessary for the Dean to have taught here.

Dean Endy counted out any possibility that he might fill the post next year. He said that it had been made clear last spring when he accepted his interim position that a national search should be made for a new Dean. Originally, Endy had been reluctant to take the post. However, when it became apparent that a search group would need time to conduct a "good search in which a more comprehensive pool of applicants would be considered," he accepted.

Endy said that he did "not envision the elimination" of any of the positions in the Office, which has undergone several structural changes since Dean Bingham announced his resignation last January. Dean Endy felt that, with the social-residential issue growing in importance, it would be difficult to cut back on the number of social-residential Deans.

The Dean supported Mr. Carovano's belief that a "rotating member of the faculty" should hold some position within the Office. Endy felt that the responsibilities of Deans Rupprecht and Miller could best be met by "insiders," people already associated with Hamilton.

Rolling in dough

The Senior Class has pledged an unofficial total of $2,559 during the "Senior Pride" campaign to either the Barney Moore Scholarship Fund or the Alumni Fund.

According to Patricia Clair '80, intern in Communications and Development, 230 students out of a class of 405 made a pledge. The participation rate of the class was 57%; in contrast, the participation rate of the last few graduating classes after graduation has been only 30%.

The majority of the Senior Pride Pledges, which ranged from $1 to $200, went to the Barney Moore Scholarship Fund which accumulated over $1700. Only 62 out of the 230 pledges went to the Alumni Fund.

Friday, December 4th the Senior Class will attend a dinner in the Alumni Gym with the trustees. According to Patricia Clair, ". . . for the first year the program has been a booming success."

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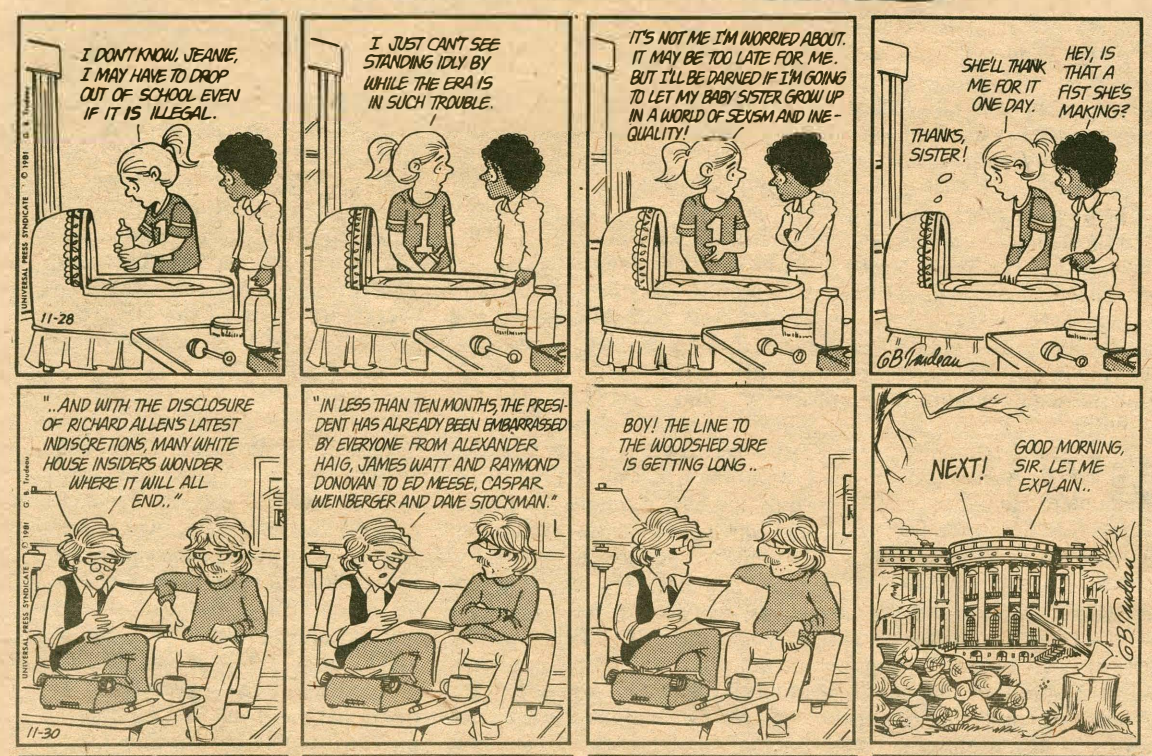
I DON'T KNOW, JEANIE, I MAY HAVE TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL EVEN IF IT IS ILLEGAL.
I JUST CAN'T SEE STANDING IDLY BY WHILE THE ERA IS IN SUCH TROUBLE.
IT'S NOT ME I'M WORRIED ABOUT. IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR ME. BUT I'LL BE DARNED IF I'M GOING TO LET MY BABY SISTER GROW UP IN A WORLD OF SEXISM AND INEQUALITY!
THANKS, SISTER!
SHE'LL THANK ME FOR IT ONE DAY.
HEY, IS THAT A FIST SHE'S MAKING?
11-28
"..AND WITH THE DISCLOSURE OF RICHARD ALLEN'S LATEST INDISCRETIONS, MANY WHITE HOUSE INSIDERS WONDER WHERE IT WILL ALL END.."
"IN LESS THAN TEN MONTHS, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY EVERYONE FROM ALEXANDER HAIG, JAMES WATT AND RAYMOND DONOVAN TO ED MEESE, CASPAR WEINBERGER AND DAVE STOCKMAN."
BOY! THE LINE TO THE WOODSHED SURE IS GETTING LONG..
NEXT!
GOOD MORNING, SIR. LET ME EXPLAIN..
11-30
..AND WITH YOUR CONSTANT BICKERING AND BACKBITING, YOU'RE UNDERMINING EVERYTHING WE'RE TRYING TO DO IN THIS WHITE HOUSE!
"A HOUSE DIVIDED"
SCENE 91
TAKE 10
I DON'T CARE IF IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF STYLE, I CAN'T DO THE JOB WITHOUT TEAMWORK! WHEN YOU LET ME DOWN, YOU LET DOWN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE! UNDERSTAND? GOOD! GOOD-BY!
SLAM!
THOSE DARN INTERIOR DECORATORS!
NOW, NANCY, DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING LOOKS GREAT.
12-1
GENTLEMEN, THE TWO OF YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT EMBARRASS ME WITH YOUR SQUABBLING OVER THE NUCLEAR WARNING SHOT..
"BONZO GOES TO WAR"
SCENE 52
TAKE 1
I WANT THIS SETTLED ONCE AND FOR ALL! DOES NATO HAVE A DEMONSTRATION BLAST SCENARIO OR NOT? CASPAR?
ABSOLUTELY NOT, SIR. IN FACT, WE MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THE CAPABILITY.
GIVEN THE DELICACY OF THIS KIND OF DEPLOYMENT, THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS ARE VERY WORRISOME. FRANKLY, I'M NOT PERSUADED WE COULD DELIVER SUCH A WEAPON ON TIME AND ON TARGET.
HMM.. WHAT DO YOU THINK, AL?
MR. PRESIDENT, I LIKE TO THINK HIROSHIMA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
12-2
SO HOW'S THE REACTION BEEN TO OUR NEW PEACE INITIATIVE, ED?
WELL, SIR, I'M AFRAID IT'S STARTING TO BE SEEN AS A LITTLE CYNICAL..
"SALT IN THE WOUND"
SCENE 7
TAKE 1
CYNICAL? HOW COME?.
BECAUSE WE PROPOSED A PLAN BASED ON MISSILE COUNTS WE KNEW TO BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS.
AS A RESULT, IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE MORE INTERESTED IN SCORING A PUBLIC RELATIONS COUP IN EUROPE THAN IN TAKING ANY REAL STEPS TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR.
HEY, C'MON, I RENAMED SALT, DIDN'T I?
WELL, YES, SIR, BUT THAT ONLY MEANT YOU WERE COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE STATIONERY.
12-3
ED, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FROM CONGRESS ABOUT STOCKMAN? HAS HIS CREDIBILITY BEEN IRRETRIEVABLY COMPROMISED?
"DEATH OF A SALESMAN"
SCENE 81
TAKE 13
WELL, WE SHOULD FIND OUT TODAY. HE WENT UP TO THE HILL TODAY TO PRESENT OUR LATEST BUDGET DEFICIT FIGURES.
GOOD FOR HIM. THAT TAKES GUTS. I'M SURE THE COMMITTEE WILL RESPECT HIM FOR IT.
HA, HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
NO? OKAY, HOW ABOUT $81 BILLION?
12-4
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C & D SPORTS INTERN

The office of Communications and Development is seeking a student to assist in sports coverage. Responsibilities would include writing sports and hometown releases and fulfilling media and college's requests for information. Interested students should contact Mr. Jon Cashen, McEwen 101, before December 18. A resume and collection of writing samples, though not required, are suggested.

LAXWOMEN WANTED

A meeting for all women interested in playing varsity or JV lacrosse will be held on Wed., Dec. 9 at 7:00 in the A.V. room of the gym. You *must* attend this meeting if you plan to play this spring.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY

A campus wide table tennis tournament will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the games center of BCC. Will those interested please sign the sign up sheet in the games room of BCC or contact Wendell K. Grimes at X4186

NUCLEAR ENERGY LECTURE

On Wednesday night, at 8:30, Mr. Kuhns, the "owner" of Three Mile Island Power Plant, will speak in the chapel on the future of Nuclear energy. It's free folks.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

To celebrate the second Sunday in Advent, Paul Kibler '80 will enrich the service with the gift of music. Paul has sung in chapel previously and those who have heard him sing would not want to miss hearing him again. The service is at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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Hamilton history: frats

by M.K. Rozell

A sizeable percentage of Hamilton men are involved in a struggle to uphold the fraternal organizations into which they have been adopted. They stress the important position their societies hold in the history of the college. In light of these claims, it is interesting to look at our fraternities from a purely historical perspective.

To begin, in 1831, a small group of Hamilton undergraduates started displaying peculiar gold breastpins on their coats. The wearers were mysteriously silent, and curiousity abounded. This was the first sign of fraternal life on The Hill. Sigma Phi, which originated at Union College, had established its first branch — the Beta chapter — at Hamilton. The Sig men held their meetings in the dorms for many years until they were able to secure their first residence in 1872 in the building that is now recognized as the village library.

Fraternities at Hamilton were the reaction to alienation and bitter feelings spurred by the highly competitive literary societies, the Philopeuthian and the Phoenix. As was written by Samuel Eels '32, there was a need for a union of intellectual and literary purposes that would exclude jealousy and angry competition and that would provide for every taste and talent. It was on this constitution that Eels founded Alpha Delta Phi in 1832.

Eleven years after the birth of A.D., another group was holding clandestine meetings in dorm rooms. This group of gentlemen soon became acknowledged as Psi Upsilon, a society known for their generous hearts and their fraternal spirit. After living in the Old Fellow's Hall in the village and another house midway up the Hill, the Psi U brothers finally settled on a part of the old Anderson farm, where they remain today.

In the U.S. Hotel in Utica in March, 1845, there was yet another group assembling. The Phi chapter of Chi Psi met in Clinton for the next eleven years. In 1859, with the profits from "The Hamiltonian," a publication conceived by two Chi Psi brothers, Hamilton's fourth fraternity was able to purchase a lodge room on the top floor of South College — a building which stood where South dorm now stands. In 1882, Chi Psi purchased a house off the college grounds which enabled the brothers to evade the rule stating that all those residing on college territory must eat in Commons. Thus, Chi Psi was the first Hamilton fraternity to live and dine in their own abode.

In 1847, the first "anti-secret" fraternity evolved. This association became formally known as Delta Upsilon. The D.U. brothers, who had a reputation for being good scholars, formed what was considered a "traditional" frat that was to boast twenty-five percent of the student body as members during the Civil War.

In January of 1856 another fraternity, whose original seed had been planted at Yale, blossomed on The Hill. The new addition was Delta Kappa Epsilon. The first DKE-sters met in the Masonic Lodge in the village before moving to South Dorm, where they occupied two rooms, using one for meetings and the other for sleeping and studying. DKE members occupied the old Spencer house before moving to their most recent location, another part of the Anderson farm, in 1927.

In 1868, Theta Delta Chi made its appearance, and its members proceeded to set up their present residence in 1888.

The fraternities began to resemble those literary societies that had so irked their founders. Those men not invited to join the societies became known as "scrubs," and those who chose to remain neutral were considered ignorant by the fraternity members. In 1882, a new fraternity evolved from the debating club. Its members were opposed to the "evils" of the secret societies. This group, which was strongly opposed by the other frats, was the Emerson Literary Society which met in the chapel tower rooms until establishing their present address in 1897.

Other frats came and went. Delta Phi, Hamilton's ninth active fraternity, came to Hamilton in 1950.

Why did the fraternities stick? The first members credited the fact that they provided comradeship at an isolated college where the administration took little interest in the social affairs of its student body. More importantly, the fraternities felt they stimulated lasting and intimate friendships, and loyalty to the chapter and to Hamilton College as well.

Hedrick Smith

H. Smith to speak

by Matthew Zucker

Hedrick Smith, journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner, will speak in the Chapel on Thursday, December 10, at 8:30 p.m.

Washington Bureau Chief for *The New York Times* since 1976, Smith started his journalistic career at U.P.I. He earned his B.A. from Williams College, and did postgraduate work as a Fulbright scholar at Balloil College in Oxford, England.

Smith was a correspondent in Vietnam, the Middle East, and Cairo. He was also a diplomatic correspondent in Washington, and Deputy National Editor.

Smith's coverage of the USSR won him a Pulitzer Prize, and his book *The Russians* was a best seller in 1976.

Smith will speak on "The Russians." The lecture is sponsored by the Root-Jessup Public Affairs Council, and will be preceded by a press conference at 8:00 p.m. The lecture is open to the general public.

Freedom to choose

by Daniel S. Connolly

One of the most interesting academic options at Hamilton College is the program of Independent Study. Available to every student who has completed eight courses, Independent Studies offer the opportunity to explore areas of study not available in the formal college curriculum.

A student can apply for an Independent Study during any of the three terms, but Winter Term has traditionally generated the most of these studies. For the 1982 January Term, the Committee on Academic Standing received 78 petitions for Independent Studies, and still more are in the preparatory stages.

In order to be granted the right to pursue an Independent Study, a student must seek the approval of a faculty supervisor, the appropriate departmental chairperson,and finally, the approval of the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS). This committee, co-chaired by Associate Dean of Students Carol Rupprecht and Dean of Students Melvin Endy, has the final word on approval. The student's formal written proposal can receive an approval, denial or a deferral from the CAS. According to Dean Rupprecht, very few petitions are denied. Most are either approved or deferred. A deferral will make the student, if truly interested, revise and refine his original proposal to make it a project acceptable to the CAS. Dean Rupprecht stated how intellectually advantageous this proposal presentation and revision process is for the individual student. She added that an enormous amount of extra work is required to put together an acceptable proposal. Accordingly, only serious students in good standing generally take the time and effort to get involved in the Independent Study Program.

There is no formal basic requirement of work in an Independent Study due to the varying nature of the topics. Depending on the subject, the work requirement could be a novel, play , film, set of computer data, or a 20-25 page research paper. The grading of the work is done by the faculty supervisor and not the CAS.

The topics of Independent Study can vary from an indepth study on Child Abuse to an analysis of the 1980 Refugee Act — from the interaction of the Texas Cattle Industry to Geomorphic Processes.

Among the other obvious benefits of Independent Studies, Dean Rupprecht added that the program has contributed to the improvement of student-faculty relationships. The program has been very successful in the past and remains one of Hamilton's most popular academic options.

William Kuhns on nuke power

by Betsy Miller

William G. Kuhns, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the General Public Utilities (GPU) Corporation of New Jersey, will lecture Wednesday, December 9th at 8:30 P.M. in the Hamilton College Chapel. His lecture is titled "The Future of Nuclear Power."

The GPU system consists of the GPU Services Corporation and three electric utility subsidiary companies, which serve about one half the land area of each of the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The subsidiaries are Metropolitan Edison and Pennsylvania Electric Company in Pennsylvania and Jersey Central Power and Light Company in New Jersey. The GPU owns Three Mile Island.

Kuhns, 59 years old and a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, holds a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin and earned his law degree from that school in 1949. He joined Wisconsin Electric Power Company that same year.

He joined GPU in July, 1955 and became chairman and chief executive officer in October, 1974. Mr. Kuhn's responsibilities are numerous. He is chairman and chief executive officer of GPU's subsidiary, GPU Service Corporation. He is chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer of the parent company's three electric utility companies. He is the director of GPU Nuclear Corporation, Breeder Reactor Corporation, Marine Midland Banks, Inc., Home Life Insurance Company (New York), and Hammermill Paper Company, Erie, Pennsylvnia.

Stuart Pollock, Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court, arranged Mr. Kuhn's visit to Hamilton. The Ecology Club will sponsor the visit. The GPU Vice President of Communication, W. William Murray, will accompany Mr. Kuhns.

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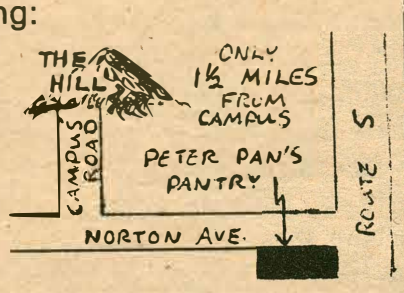

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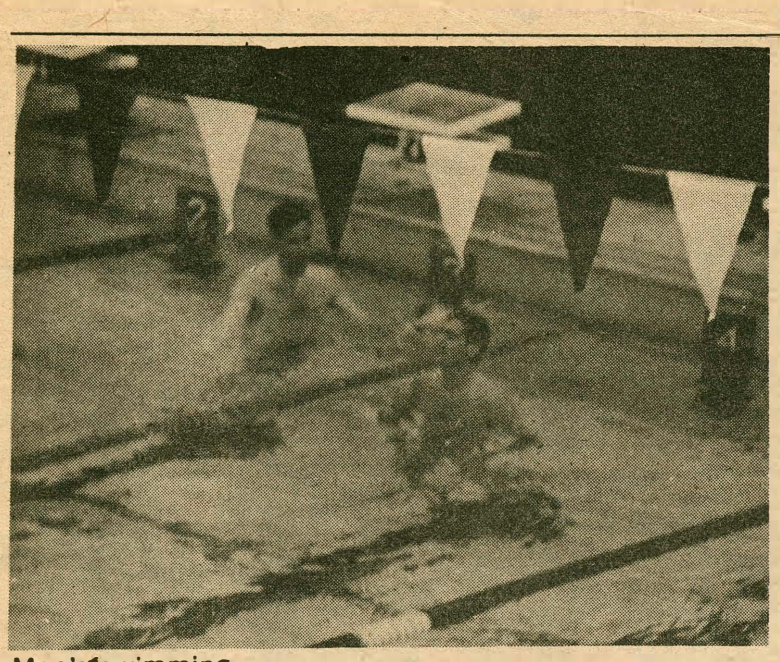


Men's swimming

M. swimmers trounce RPI in an impressive showing

by Jim Rest and Dean Pierce

Winning virtually every event, the men's swim team coasted to a 59-36 victory over RPI in their first meet of the year Tuesday night.

Despite this being the first meet of the year everyone swam well, and more importantly, according to captain Bob Black, "everyone swam smart races."

Chalking up victories for the Continentals were Tom Schoder in the 1000 yd. free, Bobby Lucas in the 200 yd. fly, Jeb Beckwith in the 500 yd. free, Bjorn Carlson in the 200 breast, Kent Brennan in the 50 free, and captain Adam Cowles in the 200 IM. Captain Mark Portin swam a smart race in copping the 200 free, while freshman Scott Brinitzer swam, according to Adam Cowles, "possibly the best race of the meet" in capturing the 200 free.

Coach MacDonald was impressed with Brinitzer's victory and he believes that "if everyone, like Brinitzer, lets their stroke carry them, swims intelligently, and brings it home in the end, we could have a really good season."

Ed Ptak didn't get a chance to show his talent as the diving competition was cancelled; however, the medley relay team of Adam Cowles, Bjorn Carlson, Bobby Lucas, and Mark Portin looked to be in fine form as they glided to a very respectable 3:49 victory. Coach MacDonald said: "3:49 is a good time. I was pleased with the medley relay team because they did just what I wanted them to do."

Monday night the swimmers travel to Cortland for a pivotal meet. Coach MacDonald feels that "If we can do a job against Cortland, who were fifth in the nation last year, then we will have really accomplished something.'

Icemen ace opener; Marta, Norbeck star

by Carol D. Peterson

Before a home crowd Monday night, the men's hockey team battled Brockport in its first game of the season. Brockport's playing experience of seven games this season and its 10-4 victory over Hamilton last year did not intimidate the young Continental squad, as the Blue skated to a 9-5 triumph.

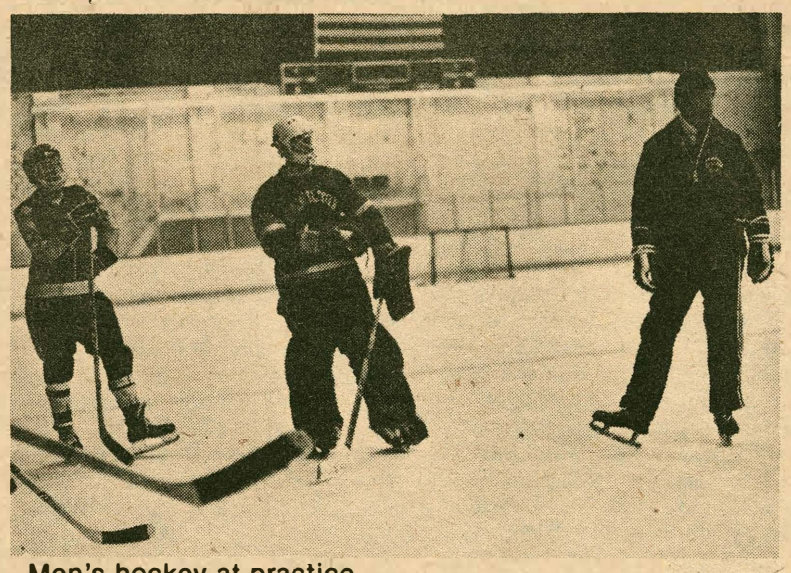
While Brockport opened the scoring at the onset of the first period, Continental Carl Norbeck countered with a shot from directly in front of the goal to tie up the score. The Hamilton scoring broke open in the second period. With help from Bob Howe, Tom Duff and Tim Graves, Mike Marta fired in two shots within five minutes of each other. Norbeck drilled his second goal of the game past goalie Ron Cappellazzo and put Hamilton up 4-1.

Once the Blue established a comfortable lead, a brief mental lapse set in where Brockport closed the scoring gap to one goal. However, Hamilton goalie Mike Cassier never allowed the opponent to take the lead; he accumulated a respectable 31 saves for the contest.

Late second period goals by Tim Graves, Chris Downs and Mike Marta scored the 9-5 Hamilton win. "We did get a few shots in off their players," commented co-captain Tim Graves. "But mainly, these goals were the results of good plays and teamwork on our part." Second year player Bob Howe remarked that, "Brockport did have many penalties that hurt them, but then again, our so-called 'young defense' played quite well."

Bob Howe (4 assists), Mike Marta (3 goals, 1 assist), Carl Norbeck (3 goals, 1 assist) and Carl Nasto (1 goal, 3 assists) all started off the season on a positive note.

Coach Greg Batt was pleased with the results, although as he pointed out, "We gave out several purple hearts in that game; a few players stood up to brutal physical beatings and suffered from injuries." Co-captain Carl Nasto broke his thumb and may be out for four weeks. Bob Howe and Chris Hall are recovering from injuries; Pete Menges and Tom Duff have slight shoulder problems, but all should be ready to fight Middlebury and Norwich this weekend. The Continentals return home on December 8 to host N.Adams State in Sage Rink.



Men's hockey at practice

B'ball routs Ephmen

by David Davis

Utilizing an effective zone press, the varsity basketball successfully opened the 1981-82 campaign with an 82-62 rout over Williams. Charlie Robinson led the way with 22 points and 14 rebounds in a game in which all thirteen players played and scored.

The Continentals broke open the game early as they took a 41-24 half-time lead. Robinson, Ron Evans (14 points, 7 rebounds), Bob Kiely (10 points, 5 assists), and Kevin Hayden (8 assists, 4 steals) took advantage of the numerous Ephmen mistakes with tenacious defense. "We pressed them," said Murphy, "and played good defense. He was especially pleased by one statistic — the Continentals forced eight offensive fouls by Williams.

Kollath and Hayden, both of whom are freshmen starters, played "pretty well," according to Murphy. "It was good experience for them. They will play better."

Williams has to be considered a good test for the Continentals. The Ephmen had beaten a travelling Yugoslavian national team in November, and their court is very small — "a tough place to play in," according to Murphy. It was only the first game, but it was a good start for Murphy's men.

TIP-OFFS: This Friday and Saturday, Hamilton will participate in the Manhattenville Tourney. They play Worcester (Ohio) on Friday in the tourney opener.

Netwomen defeat Oswego in season's premier match

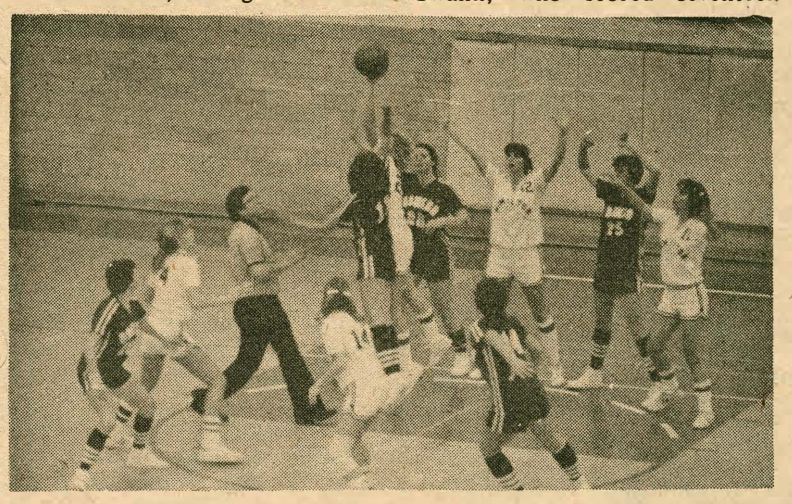
by Julie Ross

On Tuesday night, the Hamilton College women's basketball team defeated Oswego, 75-69, in their first game of the season. "It was a team effort," commented Coach Janice Savitz, adding that four of the women scored in double figures. "There were no superstars; they all worked together. That's what I like to see."

The team's high scorer against Oswego was junior guard Kim Swank, who scored seventeen points. Forward Mary Sheehan was close behind with a total of sixteen points, and sophomores Lisa King and Resa Alvord scored ten and eleven points, respectively. Swan, Joan Randolph, and Marra Harris each had six assists.

"This was a high-scoring game," stated Coach Savitz, "which was good offensively, but wasn't very good from the defensive point of view." She added that the team will need to work on cutting down the number of turnovers and improving their foul-shooting and rebounding. Although the women didn't rebound well as a team, center Jan McTiernan totaled ten rebounds and scored nine points for the team. Swank also played well defensively, with seven steals.

Despite her list of areas of improvement for the team, Coach Savitz is pleased with their performance and is looking forward to a strong season. She commented, "If we did everything right this early in the season, it wouldn't be normal!" Coming off of this successful start, the women will take on Middlebury in an away game on Saturday, and will play SUNY Utica on Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Gymnasium.



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Spectator Sports

Swimmers defeat RPI in season's first meet

by Adam Harder

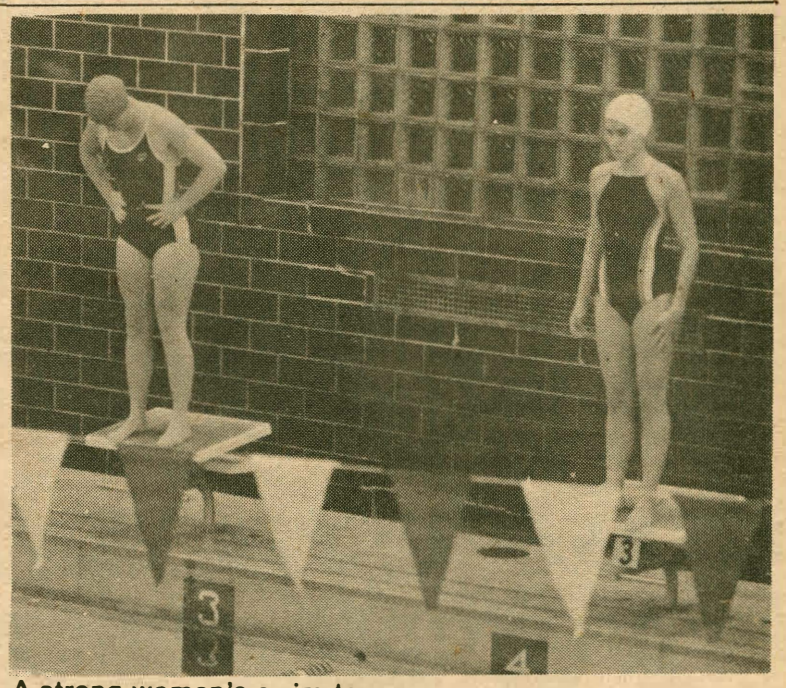
The Hamilton College women's swim team opened its 1981-82 season December 1 with an impressive 85-35 victory over visiting R.P.I. Two school records were set and ten swimmers qualified for the state championships at Binghampton in February.

The outcome of the meet was never in question. The Continentals were never behind — taking a commanding 23-2 advantage after three events. The first three wins came in the 200 medley relay (Cathy Imboden, Kathy Tegtmeyer, Meg Reilly, and Alyson Lee: 2:03.2), and the 500 free (Meg Valicenti: 5:56.8), and the 200 individual medley (Meg Reilly: 2:30.l). The Continentals captured ten official firsts, as compared to just four for R.P.I.

Other official winners in the meet were Marie Figge (100 free: 1:00.4), Alyson Lee (50 free: 27.4), Leslie Allen (100 individual medley: 1:15.5), Meg Valicenti (50 fly: 29.4), Betsy Bacot (50 breast: 36.7), Helen McGee (100 fly: 1:09.5), and Meg Reilly (200 free: 2:11.4). Senior captain Cathy Imboden, swimming exhibition, unofficially won the 100 back in 1:07.0. The 200 free relay team, also swimming exhibition, unofficially won the last event of the meet. R.P.I.'s only wins were the 100 breast, 200 free relay, 50 back, and 100 back.

One of the highlights of the meet was the 200 free in which two freshmen, Meg Reilly and Marie Figge, both broke the existing school record swimming in their first meet for Hamilton. Both qualified for the state meet with their times. Eight other members of the team also qualified for state competition: Meg Valicenti (50 fly, 100 fly, 500 free), Alyson Lee (50 free, 200 medley relay), Helen McGee (100 fly, 200 individual medley), Betsy Bacot (50 breast), Cathy Imboden (200 meter relay), Kathy Tegtmeyer (200 medley relay), Beth Pfitzenmeyer (50 back) and Susan Putney (100 free). In addition to the 200 free, Figge qualified for the 100 free and Reilly qualified for the 200 individual medley.

Head Coach Eric MacDonald was extremely pleased with the results of the first meet. "We did better than I thought. I believe it is a sign of better things to come as the season progresses." He also commented that the team will face stronger opponents later in the season. R.P.I. Head Women's Coach Bob Nichols commented that his team is still in a developmental stage. Presently women's swimming is a club sport. "We didn't expect to win — Hamilton's women are stronger than we are now — I was only able to bring eight women swimmers for the meet."



A strong women's swim team

W. hockey beats 'Gate; team faces bright season

by Wendy Suslak

During their first game on Wednesday, the women's ice hockey team dominated Colgate and came home with a 4-2 victory. Last year, the team beat Colgate 2-0 in their first game, but lost 1-3 in the second.

Coach Howe commented, "we played a surprisingly impressive offensive game, as compared to our usual strong defensive play." Mickie Eychner, a freshwoman who has never played before this year, led the strong offense and scored one goal, made one assist, and skated like a madman." She was labelled by coach Howe as the most outstanding player of the game. Because of their ample lead throughout the game, the team was able to play with four lines, as opposed to their usual three.

Although the team has no specific starting line-up, it carries 22 people on the A squad, of which 17 play. New freshwomen players on the A squad include: Mickie Eychner, Julie Munn, Mary Parker, and Karen Poglinco. In addition, there are several promising freshwomen on the B squad. Coach Howe stated, "if these players continue at their present rate of improvement, they should be playing on the A squad by the end of the season." When asked to identify one outstanding player, he explained that there is not one player whose ability is far beyond that of her teammates. He replied, "We have no superstars, although we do depend on our goaltender, Vici Yelton."

Despite Wednesday night's victory, the team will need to show greater improvement and conditioning in order to beat teams such as RIT and Oswego. However, "we are still far ahead of last year's pace," commented the coach. The next game will be played on December 10 at Skidmore, the last game until January term.

Amy Gurney: an all-american star

Running on a snow-covered course in 22 degree weather, senior Amy Gurney became an All-American Cross-Country runner by finishing 20th at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross-Country Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Her time was 20.03:3 for the 5000 meter event. Senior Mimi Brodeur also competed in the Nationals finishing 42nd in the ninety-seven person field.

The road to All-American was not an easy one for Amy. She did not run competitively in high school, and joined the team in 1979. This summer, she ran every day and competed in two summer races. As the Nationals were drawing closer, Coach Gene Long increased her mileage to 50-60 miles a week in double practice sessions. In fact, she lost so much weight that Long had to reduce her mileage.

Long feels that Amy has a "competitive attitude" and that it is this inherent competitiveness which drives Amy. "She doesn't have great natural ability and she came to the sport late," he said. "She just decided to work hard and make a commitment. I'm very proud of her."

Amy Gurney '82

Whose season is it, anyway?

by Dave Foster

Traditionally hockey has been considered a winter sport. Nowhere is this more apparent than right here on the Hill. Watching a game reminds us that, at Hamilton at least, hockey is virtually an outdoor sport. Braving the arctic conditions this past Monday night, Hamilton devotees watched their team skate to an impressive 9-5 victory in its first regular-season game. The Continentals will conclude their schedule with a home game against Colby on February 21.

A quick glance, however, at any paper will reveal that the NHL teams have played 25 or 26 games by now. Before many of us had even thought of icings and power-plays, the pro teams have already completed the equivalent of an entire Hamilton season. Tragically, it is not only hockey, but all professional sports that have abandoned their allocated seasons in order to test both the patience and interest of the sports fan.

Has the tremendous overlappping affected anyone? Ask the armchair quarterback, the sports glutton, during mid-October, when the World Series has begun, the basketball and hockey seasons are well underway, and the football season is half over. No longer able to endure threats of divorce, or the sore wrists after having turned so many channels, this fan may be seen taking the family to Howard Johnson's or to see "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Or ask the little kid at the beginning of March. Unsure whether to emulate his pitching hero in spring training, or his basketball idol on the court, he may seek refuge and security in Pac-man or Asteroids. And finally ask the purist, the gourmet of fans, during a sunny Sunday in late May. Despite the importance of the NBA play-offs, he can be seen with bat and glove heading to the nearest field to play some football.

The first NHL puck was dropped way back in early October, at which time the World Series was just a fabrication in everyone's mind save George Steinbrenner's. You remember the World Series, euphemistically called the "Fall Classic." Well, in this the year of baseball's shortest yet longest season, the Dodgers did not uncork the champagne until the last leaves had been raked and burned. To get into the series, the Dodgers had to win two out of three in the tropics of Montreal. As equally vivid as Rick Monday's ninth-inning homerun, was Fernando Valenzuela's exit from the ball game in the bottomof that inning. As the pudgy Mexican handed the ball to Lasorda and strode to the dug-out, he was mesmorized as he watched his breath turn white in the Montreal air. Hardly the boys of summer.

By this time pro football broadcasters had already started discussing the playoff picture, and "must-win games." Indeed, the NFL season drags on endlessly. Their sixteen game regular-season schedule, never mind the playoffs, is longer than our Fall Semester. Not until late Winter Term is a Super Bowl champion crowned. People are often disappointed by the lack of quality play in the Super Bowl. Basically, both entrants are exhausted. It's as if the world's top sprinters gathered for a 100 yard showdown; but, prior to racing, they ran twenty miles to warm up.

Big-time College football has refused to resort to a playoff system. This restriction still does not prevent their season from being overly prolonged. The culprits are the bowl games. Like Conservatives, they have come into vogue in the past decade. Long ago, there were four bowls: Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange. The eight teams that participated were granted a seasonal immunity. It was alright for them to play in the dead of winter; they seemed a part of the festive holiday. Now, we have the California, Tangerine, Peach, and the coup de garace, the Garden State Bowl. The Garden State Bowl began as a chance to pit a local but overlooked powerhouse against a nationally-ranked team. This year the committee has chosen neither: Wisconsin will play Tennessee in that edenic of sites East Rutherford, New Jersey, in the middle of December. I hope both fans enjoy the game.

And so, the next time you are in Sage Rink banging your feet against the wooden bleachers to restore circulation, and blowing on your hands to thaw them out, remember that this is the way it should be. Consider the other extreme. During the 1975 Stanley Cup finals in Buffalo (by this time late May) two of the games had to be delayed because of fog. The Buffalo Auditorium was so warm that fog rose up from the ice. The long-range solution was to install air conditioning. The immediate remedy was to have all the players skate around the rink in order to stir up the air. Call me old-fashioned, but I like our solution better: playing a certain sport only when it was meant to be played.